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Left coalition projected to come top in French polls

A coalition of left parties was on course to win the highest number of seats in French Parliament, early projections based on vote samples showed. No party or bloc is on course for an absolute majority in the 576-member House. Projections showed the left-wing New Popular Front winning between 172 and 215 seats, short of the 289 needed for an outright majority. President Macron's alliance is predicted to win between 150 and 180 seats and the far-right National Rally in third position with between 115 and 155 seats | P9

WOMAN KILLED

Sena leader held over son's hit-and-run

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

A Shiv Sena leader was arrested on Sunday after a speeding luxury car, allegedly driven by his son, rammed a motorcycle killing a woman in the early hours of Sunday in Mumbai.

A BMW sedan, allegedly driven by Mihir Shah, son of Rajesh Shah, rammed the two-wheeler on which Kaveri Nakhawa and her husband Pradeep Nakhawa, both fisher folk, were travelling in Worli.

Pradeep, who was riding the motorcycle, said when the car hit them, he lost balance and they fell on the car's bonnet. The driver continued to drive, dragging his wife along, while Pradeep fell onto the road. Pradeep said Mihir was driving the vehicle and he pleaded with him to stop the vehicle, but he kept driving.

"He continued to drive his car and dragged my wife. I tried to run after the vehicle ... then I took the help of a taxi. We chased the car for more than a kilometer, but could not find Kaveri. So, I decided to go to Worli police station. Then we traced my wife and took her to hospital where she succumbed to her injuries," Pradeep said, adding if Mihir had stopped his car at his request, his wife would have not died.

The 24-year-old Mihir was allegedly driving under the influence of alcohol. Mihir is absconding. Maharashtra CM Ekanth Shinde has vowed strict against the guilty.

Chandrachud-led bench to take up NEET pleas today

Supreme Court to hear batch of 38 petitions, including those seeking fresh examination

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @New Delhi

A three-judge bench of the Supreme Court, led by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud, will on Monday hear a batch of pleas on the controversy-ridden medical entrance exam NEET-UG 2024, including those alleging irregularities and malpractices in the May 5 test and seeking a direction to conduct it afresh.

According to the cause list for July 8 uploaded on the SC website, the bench, also comprising Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, is scheduled to hear a total of 38 petitions related to the exam.

These petitions have been filed separately by students and various educational institutions. Among the pleas is one filed by a group of 20 students seeking the court's direction to scrap the NEET-UG exam and a Supreme Court-monitored probe by the CBI or any other independent agency into the alleged irregularities in the test.

The SC had earlier stayed proceedings on similar pleas filed by students and others in various high courts.

The National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test-Undergraduate is conducted by the National Testing Agency for admissions to MBBS, BDS, AYUSH, and other related courses in government and private institutions across the country.

The Centre and the NTA had filed separate affidavits in the SC, opposing the pleas seeking drastic steps.

In its affidavit, the Union education ministry said the exam held on May 5 should not be cancelled as it would seriously jeopardise lakhs of honest candidates who attempted it. It added that it would not be rational to scrap the entire NEET-UG exam in the absence of any proof of large-scale breach of confidentiality.

The NTA's affidavit said, "The cancellation of the entire examination... would be hugely counterproductive and significantly harmful to the larger public interest."

Meanwhile, a group of students on Sunday staged a protest at Delhi's Jantar Mantar against NEET irregularities.

1 dies in stampede-like situation at Puri Rath Yatra

Chariot of Lord Jagannath being pulled on the first day of Rath Yatra in Puri, Odisha on Sunday | DEBADATTA MALLICK

RAJKUMAR MOHANTY @ Puri

THE first Rath Yatra under the newly-elected BJP government in Odisha started on a tragic note as a male devotee was killed and several others sustained injuries when a stampede-like situation arose during the pulling of the chariots of the Holy Trinity on Sunday evening.

While the deceased has been identified as Lalit Bagarti of Saintala in Balangir district, the condition of one of the injured is said to be critical. The incident took place near the Hindi school, about 200 metres from Simhadwar of the Jagannath temple, when there was a mad rush to pull the Taladhwaja chariot of Lord Balabhadra — the first to roll. Eyewitnesses said, the tussle among the devotees to lay hands on the ropes and pull the chariot led to the situation. The deceased devotee fell down in the push and was trampled by others. At least, five others also fell down and sustained injuries. Volunteers shifted all of them to the district headquarters hospital where the doctors declared one dead.

This apart, over 300 devotees were hospitalised due to various reasons including dehydration.

EXPRESS READ

First case of rat fever reported from Haveri

Haveri/Gadag: In the first case of rat fever this year, a 12-year old boy was diagnosed with the illness in Haveri on Sunday. He is recovering at Haveri district hospital. He was suffering from fever for the last 15 days | P5

Euro 2024 gears up for semi-final matches

Dusseldorf: The stage is set for the semi-finals of Euro 2024 and four heavyweight teams will battle it out on Tuesday and Wednesday. Spain will face France and England will take on the Netherlands. Spain have been the best team. Their new-age wingers "Lacine Yamal and Nico Williams" have also set the pulses racing. England have relied on individual brilliance to take them to another semifinal | P11

'Poison cans' opened in Hathras, claims lawyer

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

IN a new twist to the July 2 Hathras satsang stampede, the lawyer of 'Bhole Baba' Narayan Sakar Hari alias Suraj Pal on Sunday claimed that witnesses told him some people opened cans containing a poisonous substance in the crowd. This, he said, caused panic among the crowd and triggered the stampede that killed 121 people, mostly women.

Talking to media persons in Delhi, lawyer A P Singh also alleged conspiracy and criminal acts by some anti-social elements, who were upset about the baba's 'rising popularity'.

"I have been told by the witnesses that there were 15-16 people carrying cans of a poisonous substance which they opened in the crowd. I have seen post-mortem reports of the deceased showing asphyxiation as the main cause of death and not the injuries," said Singh.

In his first reaction to the tragedy, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had said the conspiracy angle could not be ruled out.

Singh said, "There were vehicles parked at the site to help the men, who had released poisonous substance, flee. We have proof and we will submit it."

On Saturday, Hathras police said it was also probing into the suspected funding of the congregation by a political party and warned of the "strictest possible" action against it.

'Will publish list of MUDA 50:50 site beneficiaries'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

THE allotment of alternative sites to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife Parvathi is legal as the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) had acquired her 3.16 acres of land illegally and developed it, said Mysuru district in-charge minister HC Mahadevappa on Sunday.

He said MUDA, at its meeting, had passed a resolution admitting its folly in encroaching the land, and had decided to allot alternative sites at 50:50 ratio.

He said, "We will soon come out with a list of people who have benefited from the 50:50 site allotment scam, to prevent public from buying these sites. We will not spare anyone, however influential them may be." P4

Shri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka

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One Day Per Week - Every Friday

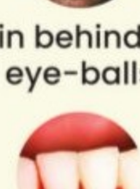
A dedicated day to eliminate Aedes Mosquito Breeding Sources

Shri. D. K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister of Karnataka

Dengue Prevention is a collective responsibility!

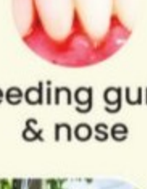
"Don't ignore the symptoms. Visit government health facilities for FREE TESTING AND TREATMENT."

Symptoms of Dengue

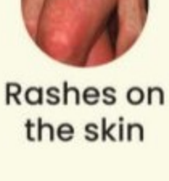


Sudden onset of fever

Severe Headache

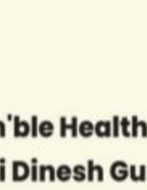


Pain behind the eye-balls



Muscle & Joint Pain

Bleeding gums & nose



Rashes on the skin

Treatment & follow-up

- When Dengue symptoms appear, visit the nearest Healthcare Facility. Avoid self-medication.
- Consume adequate oral fluids including ORS, Tender coconut , Lemon Juice to keep yourself well hydrated & take sufficient rest.
- If symptoms like vomiting, pain abdomen, decreased urine output, severe apathy, drowsiness, irritability, pale cold & clammy skin appear, even after fever subsides, visit the doctor immediately.
- Consume light food & sleep under mosquito net even during day time.

Preventive Measures

Keep water-holding containers like cement tanks, drums, barrels, buckets closed.
Avoid rain water collection in solid waste materials & dispose them regularly

Hon'ble Health Minister Shri Dinesh Gundurao participating in the dengue larvae source reduction activity.

Self-Protection measures

Use mosquito nets

Use mosquito repellents

Wear long-sleeved clothes

Fixing mesh to doors & windows

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Monday: 08.07.2024 • **Year:** Krodhi • **Ayana:** Uttharayana • **Ritu:** Greeshma • **Masa:** Ashada • **Paksha:** Shukla • **Tithi:** Thrutheeya 5.01 am • **Nakshatra:** Ashlesha (Whole Day) • Moon in Simha Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am • **Gulikakala:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • **Yamaganda:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER

MIN 20°C | MAX 28°C

FORECAST
Showers late. Overcast

Sunrise 05.59 am | Sunset 06.50 pm | Moonrise 07.55 am | Moonset 08.58 pm

BBMP to start recovery drive for tax dues

Lukewarm response to its one-time settlement offer which ends on July 31

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

DESPITE the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) offering a one-time settlement (OTS) to clear property tax dues, there were just a few takers. Under the OTS, BBMP offers a 50 per cent rebate in penalties and a 100 per cent relaxation of the interest amount. However, of the 3.95 lakh tax defaulters, only around 20 per cent, have availed the benefit. BBMP aimed to collect dues of Rs 733.71 crore but managed just over Rs 100 crore. The OTS scheme ends on July 31, after which, the civic body will launch a recovery drive.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

As per the data available as on April 1, BBMP's Mahadevpura zone tops the list of tax defaulters with 83,330 properties followed by Bommanahalli zone with 62,226 properties and Rajarajeshwari Nagar zone with 59,419 properties. The total tax default amount stood at Rs 733.71 crore on April 1. As of July 1, after the introduction of the OTS scheme, of the total 3,95,250 defaulters, only 70,402 have availed the benefit and in the past one week, only a few have been added to the list after clearing their dues.

The civic body also gave wide publicity about the OTS scheme, encouraging defaulters to make use of the benefits and clear their dues. "But, we were not expecting this kind of response from the defaulters," a BBMP official said.

The civic body has powers to seize and auction properties of defaulters who have not responded to the notices served by the BBMP. As already stated by Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar, the scheme was introduced for the benefit of tax defaulters and it will not be extended beyond July 31. A similar OTS is unlikely to be introduced again, the official said. He said there are still around 25 days left and called upon the defaulters to come up and clear their dues as the civic body is planning recovery drives immediately after the deadline ends on July 31.

Dangling power cables still pose threat to commuters

Power cables bundled up on a wall on Cunningham Road | ALLEN EGENUSE J

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

IT has been over nine months since a woman and her nine-month-old toddler were electrocuted by a live wire. But even now, danger still lurks in many city streets with power wires dangling from electricity and streetlight poles.

As the city continues to enhance internet and data connectivity, the experience of locals of this digital revolution reveals a different story. Optical fibre cables laid by various internet providers have often resulted in road and footpath disruptions, frequently snapping and falling onto pavements, causing numerous pedestrian injuries.

Due to the rain, residents from several parts of the city noted that they have noticed an increase in the hazard of hanging cables and fallen wires, posing serious risks to both pedestrians and motorists.

Speaking to TNIE, Manjunath S, a resident of Ashwath Nagar, narrated how while riding his bike in Madiwala, he was blindsided by a wire. His hand became entangled, causing him to fall from his bike. Manjunath described this as a recurring problem on that road. The accident resulted in a broken arm, affecting his work for a month.

Some commuters also noted that black cables are nearly invisible at night or in poor visibility conditions due to rain. Pedestrians trying to navigate around these wires have been compelled to walk on busy streets, increasing their risk of being hit by vehicles.

However, BBMP officials said they are actively addressing the issue by promptly removing low-hanging cables as and when they are identified. They further claimed that they have issued a notice six months ago to internet service providers (ISPs) directing them to declare unauthorised Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) connections in the city. However, there has been no response from the ISPs.

Footpaths in city not friendly to disabled, pedestrians

RAKSHITH GOWDA @ Bengaluru

WHILE the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is aiming to give Bengaluru a makeover under 'Brand Bengaluru', the city is yet to be disabled-friendly.

Though most of the footpaths across the city have been redone, they do not help the movement of specially-abled persons, especially those on wheelchairs. Bollards and other obstructions hinder their movement, they complain, lamenting that the Palike never consulted them before the reconstruction project.

When TNIE visited major areas across the city, it found bollards and electric poles in the middle of footpaths, and uneven footpaths. There are vehicles parked illegally, abandoned vehicles strewn across stretches, and street vendors putting up stalls, obstructing the movement of people. These barriers not only hinder wheelchair users, but also senior citizens, pregnant women, and those with mobility issues.

Bollards and vendors on footpaths hinder movement of specially-abled persons, especially those on wheelchairs | ALLEN EGENUSE J

Sunil Jain, a wheelchair user -- who is also a disabled sports person, fighting for the rights of the disabled, said the BBMP would not have thought of the plight of the disabled on wheelchairs while designing footpaths. "Footpaths are meant for pedestrians to walk. But in the city, 90% of the space is occupied by bollards, street vendors and vehicles. In many places, the surface is uneven, increasing the chances of people falling and hurting themselves," said Jain.

Ramesh, another wheelchair user, said the problem is not with a few areas, but across the city. Footpaths in commercial hubs like MG Road, near bus stands, railway stations and metro stations have numerous obstacles and don't have ramp facilities. Wheelchair users have to use the roads, increasing the possibility of them being hit by vehicles.

Srujan, a visually challenged person, said the pavements are uneven and have open shoulder drains that are a danger. Vendors hawking their wares too make walking difficult, he said.

The authorities acknowledged the problem, but are yet to implement the changes.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath was not available for comments.

EXPRESS READ

PES varsity gets nod to run medical courses

Bengaluru: PES University has received the nod from the National Medical Commission (NMC) to run medical courses under PES University Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (PESUIMSR). The

authority has approved an annual intake of 100 MBBS seats from the academic year 2024-25. The institute will have 420 beds, along with 35 ICU and 24 emergency beds. **MR Doreswamy**, Chancellor, PES University, said, "It is no mean achievement that three years of untiring effort in establishing an exemplary infrastructure (medical college and teaching hospital) that will help engage students acquire quality education." **ENS**

Tech firms going through market correction: IIIT-B director

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE notion that Artificial Intelligence (AL) and Machine Learning (ML) are going to affect university and college placements is misleading, said Debabarta Das, Director, International Institute of Information Technology-Bangalore (IIIT-B) on Sunday.

"At least in the next two-three years, this is not going to happen. The slump witnessed in the country and globally currently can be called a 'market correction'," he said on the sidelines of the 24th convocation of the institute. As many as 343 students received their degrees under various programmes.

"Two years back, during Covid-19, a lot of companies overhired professionals. This is not due to AI/ML, we have a ground-level understanding as we are in constant talk with companies. The impact will be seen only in the next two-three years. The second major reason is the fall in investments due to the Ukraine-Russia and Israel-Gaza war. Many companies and international markets have now shifted their focus towards securing their borders and investing heavily in defences. The demand for IT services and engineering has taken a hit," explained Das. He added that if the war stops by this year, the demand for engineering jobs will flourish again early next year.

Despite the grim employment scenario, over 90% of graduating students from IIIT-B have been placed in companies such as Amazon, Qualcomm, CISCO, Intel and Mercedez Bens. The highest package was Rs 40 lakh annually, bagged by 23 students. This year, 57 students received a Rs 30-lakh package, and 140 students secured annual placement package of above Rs 20 lakh, said IIIT-B in a statement.

With the growing demand for niche courses in technology, IIIT-B has introduced a Bachelor's in Technology (BTech) programme with All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) nod for 210 seats.

Mother-son duo receives degrees together

PURAN CHOUDHARY @Bengaluru

A MOTHER-son duo from the city marked a special day as they received academic degrees on the same stage. Ranjani Niranjan, aged 48, was awarded a PhD degree while her son 22-year-old Raghava SN received his Integrated M tech degree from the International Institute of Information Technology-Bangalore (IIIT-B) on Sunday.

Speaking to TNIE, Ranjani said she was elated to do this with Raghava and called it a remarkable feat for their family. "Not everyone will get such an opportunity and I am so thankful. I have sat in a classroom with students 13 years younger to me and though it was challenging at first, it's just a matter of time. At the end of the day we are all just learners," she said.

Ranjani earlier worked as an assistant professor in the Computer Science Department at

Ranjani Niranjan and her son Raghava

PES University before starting her PhD. "My research is on a new for 'Classification of Algorithms' which offers prediction with a trust score. We have seen that even state-of-the-art algorithms make wrong predictions confidently. We wanted to explore if a model can say no. With a trust score, the researcher can decide whether to take that data or not," she said.

Recalling moments of joy with his mother, Raghava shared how a few times the roles were reversed when he taught his mother. "Mom would seek my help with math queries, especially for Class 12 concepts. That was very exciting and fun, it was a reversal of roles. But I am so proud of her," he said.

The duo credited their smooth journey to their husband and father who wholeheartedly encouraged them. "My father has played the biggest role in this achievement. He works in Infosys and made sure my mother got to college on time from Banashankari every day for the last five years. He has been our backbone," the son said.

An engineer himself, he also offered a lot of technical inputs for his wife's research paper.

Herbalife, Shishu Mandir distribute 50 e-autos to marginalised women

Bengaluru: To empower women who have endured severe abuse, or abandonment, or are widowed, and those who are struggling to provide basic necessities for their children, multinational company Herbalife, in partnership with Shishu Mandir, distributed 50 e-autos as part of 'Eco-Wheels Women's Initiative'. As part of its corporate social responsibility initiative, the company will provide 115 e-autos to as many women, which will benefit over 750 individuals, a release said. Herbalife India Managing Director Ajay Khanna presented 50 e-autos to women at an event here on Sunday. He said, "The 'Eco-Wheels Women's Initiative' aims to support marginalised women by providing opportunities for economic independence and skill development. The beneficiaries of the e-auto project are resilient women including single mothers, spouses of alcoholics and abusers, and those living below the poverty line without adequate shelter." Shishu Mandir Director Anand C said, "Our e-auto programme represents a beacon of hope for marginalised women." **ENS**

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

08th July: Some people call astrology a symbolic language. What they mean is that the stars and planets don't make us do things, or be as we are, but instead provide a code that enables us to describe the world in a new way. It's probably best seen like poetry, as a means of telling stories about the world which point to deeper truths.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The Moon ups the stakes, and should give you the emotional energy and determination to get off to a good start. This is necessary if you are now to take decisions relating to a long-term partnership. All you need is the staying power to survive until a rival backs down.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Look inward for the answers today, for the key to your hopes and the solution to your fears lies with you rather than with friends, lovers or employ-ers. True, they may have a role to play, but they also depend on your imagina-tive lead. Do your bit!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Go for teamwork today. You have a strong individualist streak, but you're not being asked to subordinate your interests to those of other people. You may have the chance, if you wish, to call on them to serve you! Of course, you can't make them agree - but if you don't try, you'll never know.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Professional affairs must take first place today. Even if you're not at work, it's time to promote yourself in the community, accepting responsibility and attracting praise and applause. Don't be afraid to take an unusual approach as the element of surprise could work in your favour.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
The broad, far-reaching connection between Mercury and Venus is increasing your charm level. There will be moments over the next fortnight when you are grievously provoked, but you'll be foolish to respond in kind. You'll do much better to react to a snarl with a smile.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
There is a case to be made for spending time on business matters. In point of fact you'll be in a rather charitable mood, and could be a soft touch for deserving causes. It's all a question of making sure they're genuine. Mind you, that might be easier said than done.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You have to pay more attention to partners' hopes and desires, if only because that's the best way to keep them quiet. There is a great deal to be said for making a few confessions of your own, but pick your time. If you catch partners at the wrong moment you might give completely the wrong impression.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Harmonious connections link a region of your solar chart representing the daily work routine to that signifying professional ambitions. Your desire for status amongst your peers could be achieved, but only with extra effort on your part. Luck doesn't come into it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The broad planetary alignment is profoundly helpful. It doesn't take much imagination to see that, with confidence, you could leave planet earth, fly to the clouds and soar with the birds over the next two days - at least in your dreams. In other words, it's good to try to take an overview of all your daily activities and pressures.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Your attention will be drawn to domestic affairs, probably because of what partners say or do, rather than because of what you want. The answers could be financial, and it may be sufficient to throw extra money at discontented people. At least, you can hope that this will do the trick!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You're not always known for your willingness to think things through, but today's decisions and choices should be given a little extra consideration. Above all, be practical, especially where children are concerned. And if a younger relation comes to you for advice, try to see the world through their eyes.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You can be surprisingly resolute where money is involved, and it looks as if you will be determined to see that an investment is returned. You may, however, be required to put in just a little extra effort. But then, it might be an emotional favour that needs to be repaid.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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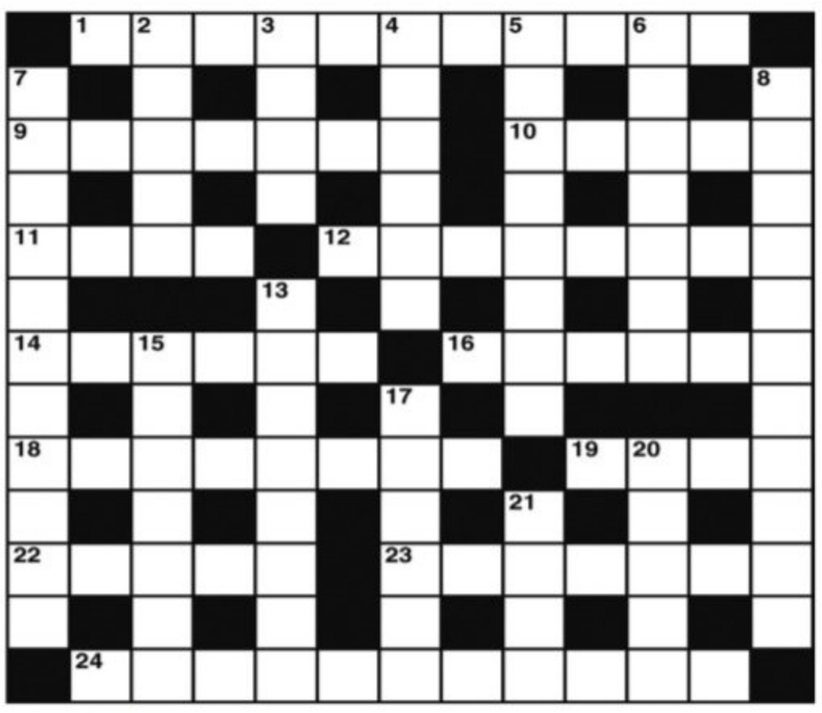
SUDOKU EASY

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 They build a nest on moss perhaps (11)
9 Not involved in fight so not charged (7)
10 Put your towel if not your shirt on it (5)
11 Soft piece of cake (4)
12 Unlucky drawn out formation (8)
14 A mouth organ (6)
16 Humble cleric taking me to heart (6)
18 Ten dined out as planned (8)
19 A plane going up or coming down (4)
22 This can't be right (5)
23 One doesn't go in for such entertainments (7)
24 Does being so young lead to a maiden's downfall? (4,2,1,4)

DOWN

2 Travels round a French city (5)
3 Standard feature of Saturn or Mars (4)
4 Exchanged lemons for other fruits (6)
5 Glass vessel (8)
6 Dashed up with class report (7)
7 An amusing host? (11)
8 The role of the conductor? (7,4)
13 One who didn't win the Mountain Race? (6-2)
15 Spontaneous routine (7)
17 Start driving on a course (3,3)
20 Mother is upset over our love affair (5)
21 On request, agree to hold an animal (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Secure, 4 Identity, 9 Annoys, 10 Estrange, 12 Dyes, 13 Blunt, 14 Bred, 17 Bottle-opener, 20 Roller skater, 23 Even, 24 State, 25 Grit, 28 Tearaway, 29 Frieze, 30 North Sea, 31 Twines.

Down: 1 Stands by, 2 Confetti, 3 Rays, 5 Disintegrate, 6 Nero, 7 Ignore, 8 Yields, 11 Floodlit game, 15 Floor, 16 Leaks, 18 Sturgeon, 19 Brothers, 21 Sexton, 22 Repair, 26 Hash, 27 Draw.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

TEHWA

FLUTA

PTLOPE

FLAEBF

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: DEPTH SEEDY PIRATE INLAND
Answer: Shopping online was how they planned to — SPEND THEIR DAY

'India Coffee App', a mobile application to help coffee growers and coffee connoisseurs, was launched by the Coffee Board of India on Sunday. The app will extend support and help the coffee growers, besides providing a platform for the coffee lovers to buy authentic coffee products

SANITATION NECESSARY TO PREVENT DENGUE: PRIYANK

RDPR minister asks empty site owners to maintain their properties to cut infection risk

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

WITH Dengue cases increasing in Karnataka, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) minister Priyank Kharge has warned site owners to keep their vacant residential sites clean. "If there is garbage dump or stagnant water in these sites, action will be taken against the site owners. Without any proper maintenance, these vacant sites have become breeding sites for mosquitoes, leading to more dengue cases in the state," he said. He has warned the owners of empty sites, that they will be penalised if they fail to maintain hygiene in their sites .

Priyank has instructed officials to take precautionary measures to prevent dengue cases, and instructed them to clean tanks, community toilets and open bins in the rural areas. He also instructed them to ensure stagnant water is not kept for long at houses, commercial establishments, hotels, public places and even vacant places, and instructed them to dispose waste properly.

The minister also said that authorities should ensure that water doesn't collect or stagnate on the roof of schools, colleges, anganwadi and other places, thus preventing mosquito breeding. He also instructed them to ensure the drain water doesnt stagnate, and the drains are covered properly.

Further, Priyank also said that the health department should work with the gram panchayat, women self help groups, anganwadi workers and others to create awareness among villagers, and prevent dengue cases in the villages.

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>
> Priyank Kharge, RDPR Minister

GOVT PLAYING WITH LIVES OF POOR: BOMMAI

BJP MP Basavaraj Bommai has charged the state government with failing to control the dengue fever outbreak and playing with the lives of the poor. The government must constitute a task force to address the dengue crisis immediately and take measures on a war footing, the former CM said.

Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka speaks to a patient, during an inspection of dengue preparedness, at KC General Hospital in Bengaluru on Sunday

Dengue claims two kids

A five-year-old boy died of dengue at Shirunja village in Gadag district on Sunday. The deceased, Chirayi Hosamani, was suffering from fever for the last one week. His parents first took him to Shirahatti taluk hospital last week and later shifted him to Gadag Institute of Medical Sciences. On doctors' advice, he was moved to SDM Dharwad, where he died on Sunday. Another suspected case of dengue death was reported from Byadgi taluk of Haveri district. The DHO said that a nine-year-old girl who was suffering from high fever died on Sunday. Her reports are awaited.

Get ready, you may have to pay ₹500 fine for not keeping your place clean

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN response to the rising cases of dengue in the cities, the health department has suggested civic authorities and urban local bodies to levy a fine of Rs 500 on those property owners who fail to keep their premises clean. An official order is expected to be issued soon by the BBMP and other urban local bodies.

Under the current regulations for preventing and controlling mosquito breeding, as well as eradicating malaria and other mosquito-borne diseases, municipal corporations, including the BBMP, can impose a maximum penalty of only Rs 50 on property owners who create environments conducive for mosquito breeding.

The decision to increase the fine from Rs 50 to Rs 500 was made during a recent meeting chaired by Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, which focused on controlling the spread of dengue in the state. Rao deemed the current fine too low, noting that such a minimal penalty might result in people not taking the action seriously. A request was made to the civic bodies to increase the penalty and issue the order soon.

BBMP officials confirmed the proposal to increase the fine and further ensured that several teams have been formed to visit approximately 14 lakh houses in the city to raise awareness about dengue. They added that higher penalties would also encourage people to be more mindful, as these measures are essential for their safety.

MOSQUITO MENACE

After suspected Zika death, health dept releases guidelines

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

FOLLOWING a suspected Zika fatality in the state, the health department has released a set of guidelines to educate the public about the virus, its associated symptoms and treatment options available.

"The Zika virus test and treatment is free at all government hospitals statewide," the health department mentioned in the guidelines issued on Sunday. Zika is a viral infection transmitted by Aedes mosquitoes, the same species responsible for spreading dengue and chikungunya. These mosquitoes typically bite during daylight hours and breed in clean, stagnant water.

While most people infected with Zika experience no symptoms, those who do typically have mild to moderate symptoms like fever, headache, red eyes, rashes, and joint and muscle pain, lasting 2-7 days, the health department stated.

Mentioning the adverse effects of the virus, the guidelines mentioned that during pregnancy, Zika can cause microcephaly, a condition where a baby's head is much smaller than expected and can occur because the brain has not developed properly during pregnancy.

Diagnosis of Zika viral infection is confirmed through blood and urine tests, however, there is no specific treatment or vaccine for Zika so far, and hence the treatment focuses on relieving symptoms, which include rest and staying hydrated, the guidelines read. The health department advised the patients to take prescribed medicines and seek medical attention if symptoms worsen. "To prevent the spread of the virus, use mosquito nets around infected individuals," the advisory stated.

Preventing Zika infection involves eliminating mosquito breeding sites and personal protection, the department said, and advised the public to regularly clean and cover water storage containers, keep both the interior and exterior of the home clean, and avoid waterlogging in the surroundings.

CRIME PATROL

Mishap on Ballari Road claims biker's life

BENGALURU: A 25-year-old youth died after he lost control of his two-wheeler and hit a road divider near the BSF campus on Ballari Road on Saturday night. The deceased has been identified as Mohammed Suhel, a resident of Bagalur, and a native of Kerala. He worked at a private company. His friend, Anirudh, who was riding pillion, suffered minor injuries. The police said that around 8.30 pm, both were heading towards their house at Bagalur. "Suhel lost control of his speeding bike and hit the road divider. Both suffered injuries and passersby rushed them to a nearby hospital and alerted the police. Suhel succumbed to head injuries on Sunday morning," the police said.

Biker's body fished out of drain after 40-hour search

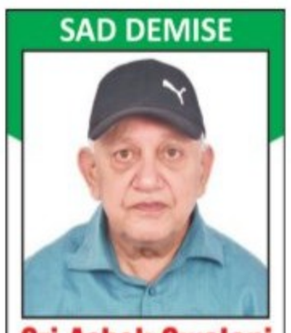
EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AFTER more than 40 hours of search operations by the fire police departments, the body of a biker, who fell into a stormwater drain near RR Nagar gate, was fished out on Sunday morning. The deceased, Hemant Kumar (26), met with an accident around 11 pm on Friday. Kumar, a resident Bapuji Nagar who was heading home after work, fell through the four-ft-wide gap into the drain after his bike rammed a road divider. Following the incident, passersby alerted the Jnanabharathi police.

Police said that after 40 hours of search, Kumar's body was found and recovered on Sunday, around 9.30 am, and sent to Victoria Hospital. Around 20 fire and police personnel were part of the search operation.

An officer suspected that Kumar was drunk and over-speeding, which caused him to fall into the drain, while his two-wheeler and footwear remained on the road. Earlier, a missing case was registered at Jnanabharathi police station, based on Kumar's family's complaint, which had now been transferred to the Jnanabharathi traffic police.

SAD DEMISE



Sri Ashok Gwalani

Son of Late Sri. Sewaram Gwalani

28th June 2024

The Barvah (12th day) ritual will be held on July 9th, 2024. Time: 10:00am onwards Venue: Hande Hall, No. 733/A, 10th Main Road, 4th Block, Jayanagara, Bangalore - 560011

Deeply mourned by:

Kanchan Gwalani
Amrita Joshi & Shrikant Joshi
Kirti Gurbani & Girish Gurbani
Beloved Grand Children, Brothers, Sisters, Cousins, Sisters-in-law and Brothers-in-law with extended family members.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

E-Auction sale notice for sale of Immovable property under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged /charged to the **seccured creditor,** the possession of which has been taken by the **Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore-1** will be sold **on "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below.

Name of Borrowers and Guarantors	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Description of Immovable Assets	Auction Date & Time	Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit [EMD] Date & Time	1) Incremental Value at Bid 2) A/c No. & IFSC
M/s A to Z Trading Company No. 15 & 16 between 6th& 7th Cross Road, Shampura, 1st Main Road, Adarsh Nagar, R T Nagar Post, Bangalore 560032. **Partners : 2. Mr. Mohammed Saifulla** No.773, BBMP No. 41, 1st Main, 1st A Cross, Apparna Block, Near Dasappa Garden, R T Nagar, Bangalore - 560032. **2. Mr. Mohammed Azeezulla S** No.773, BBMP No. 41, 1st Main, 1st A Cross, Apparna Block, Near Dasappa Garden R T Nagar, Bangalore-560032.	**Rs 3,00,83,256.88/-** (Rupees Three Crore Eighty three lakhsTwo hundred fifty six and Paisa Eighty Eight only) as on 30.06.2024 together with future interest, expenses and costs due to Canara Bank from the above said borrowers/guarantors /mortgagors.	**Item No. 1:** All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No.15, Old Katha No.304, New Katha No.632, Old House List No.803, New House List No.304, situated at Nagavara Village, KasabaHobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West : 40' (Forty Feet) and North to South: 60' (Sixty Feet)alongwith one square A.C.Sheet House, without any civic amenities and bounded on: **East by:** Site No.16 **West by:** Road, **North by:** Private Property **South by:** Main Road **Item No. 2:** All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No.16, Old Katha No.305, New Katha No.632, Old House List No. 804, New House List No.305, situated at Nagavara Village, KasabaHobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West:40' (Forty Feet) and North to South: 60' (Sixty Feet) alongwith one square A.C.Sheet House, without any civic amenities and bounded on : **East by:** 30 feet Road **West by:** Property No.15 **North by:** Private Property **South by:** Main Road	24.07.2024 11.30 AM to 12.00 Noon.	**Reserve Price:** Rs. 359.00 Lakhs **EMD:** Rs. 35,90,000/- **before 22.07.2024 at 3.00 pm.**	1) Multiples of Rs. 50,000/- 2) A/c No. 209272434 IFSC : CNRB0006298 **Encumbrance (s):** Not known to Bank

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

a) Auction/bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website https://www.indianbankseauction.com. Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
b) The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer.
c) The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process.
d) EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited by way of DD favouring Authorised officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch II, Bangalore OR through online (RTGS/ NEFT/Fund Transfer) to credit the account number 209272434, Canara Bank, ARM Branch II, Bangalore RTGS/NEFT CODE CNRB0006298 on or before 22.07.2024 - 3.00 p.m.
e) Intending bidders shall hold a valid digital signature certificate and e-mail address. For details with regard to digital signature please contact the service provider M/s.ANTARES SYSTEMS Ltd, Bangalore e- mail:helpdeskcanbank@gmail.com,Contact Persons & Numbers:- Mr.Ramu G K – 9945266022
f) After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before 22.07.2024 - 3.00 PM, to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand or by email.
i) Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT, acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No.
ii) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount.
iii) Bidders Name. Contact No. Address, E Mail Id.
iv) Bidder's A/c details for online refund of EMD.
g) The intending bidders should register their names at service provider M/s.ANTARES SYSTEMS Ltd, Bangalore and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider M/s.ANTARES SYSTEMS Ltd, Bangalore e- mail: helpdeskcanbank@gmail.com Contact Persons & Numbers:- Mr. Ramu G K - 9945266022
h) EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD shall not carry any interest.
i) Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of Rs. 50,000/-. The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.
j) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorised Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again.
k) For sale proceeds of Rs.50.00 lacs (Rupees Fifty Lacs only) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at the applicable rate on the Sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the Bank.
l) All charges for conveyance, stamp duty/GST, registration charges, tax arrears, other charges, dues etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only.
m) Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the e-auction without assigning any reason thereof.
n) In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the e-auction, they can approach concerned Circle office or Canara Bank ARM branch II who, as a facilitating centre, shall make necessary arrangements.
o) Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area dues, etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank
p) For further details Ranjan Kumar, Chief Manager, Canara Bank, ARM Branch-2- (080-25310181)e-mail id - cb6298@canarabank.comor the service provider M/s.Antares systems Ltd, Bangalore - e- mail: helpdeskcanbank@gmail.com Contact Persons & Numbers:- Mr.Ramu G K - 9945266022.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION/CAUTION

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back-up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully. The property will not be sold below the Reserve Price.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 06.07.2024

Sd/-
Authorised Officer, Canara Bank

Indian Bank, Zonal Office, Bengaluru
4th Floor, East Wing, Raheja Towers
MG Road, Bengaluru - 560001

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]

Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic (whichever is applicable) possession which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Indian Bank,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is" "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **24/07/2024** for recovery due to the Indian Bank, Secured Creditor, from the Borrowers.The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Indian Bank, Bangarpet branch Branch Ph. No:94498 64109

Sl No.1: Name of the Borrowers:M/s Aishwarya Electornic and Home Appliance, Bangarpet (borrower) and Mrs. Manjula A W/o Ashok (Guarantor/Mortgagor). **Amount Recovery :** Rs. 27,48,524/-.(Rupees Twenty seven lakh fourty eight thousand five hundred twenty four Only) (as on 05.07.2024 PIs Interest and expenses thereon. **Detailed description of the Property:** The Residential Property measuring East to West 24 Feet and North to South 28 Feet in all measuring 672 Sq Ft. bearing Old VP Khata No. 1429, Assessment No. 2045, Present VP Khata No. 1492/2045/2 and property No. 1519007012010 21210 situated at Petechamanahalli Village, Doddhasala Gram Panchayath limits Kasaba Hobli, Kolar Taluk, and the same is bounded by East by: Property of Galappa,West by: Property of M Susheela,North by: Property of Krishnappa & Muniyappa South by: 15 Feet width Road.

Encumbrances on property	NIL
Reserve Price	Rs. 33,92,000/-
EMd Amount	Rs. 3,40,000/-
Bid incremental amount	Rs.10,000/-
Date and time of e-auction	24.07.2024 from 10.00 am to 05.00 pm
Property ID No	IDIB6400382468

Indian Bank, , Basavanagudi Branch, Ph. No:94498 64114

Sl No.2: Name of the Borrowers:1)George s/o Mr Verghese George No 408, Sai platinum Opp: Kundalahalli ITPL Road, Bangalore.**2.Mrs Girijamma** V W/o Mr Babu George No 408, Sai platinum Opp: Kundalahalli,ITPL Road, Bangalore. **Amount Recovery** : Rs.53,02,735/- (Rupees Fifty three lakh two thousand seven hundred thirty five only.) (as on 05.07.2024) PIs Interest and expenses thereon. **Detailed description of the Property Schedule A Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing converted land v vide conversion order dated 12.04.2004 passed by the Special Dy Commissioner (Revenue) in No BDS .ALN (S) SR (KT):171/2003-04 IN Sy No 80 of Kengeri Village b, Kengeri Hobli Bangalore South Taluk, measuring 3Acres ¼ Guntas or 130953 Sqft , presently BBMP Khata No 4260/431/80 .And bounded on:East by : Road heading from Kengeri to Hemmigepura and then property purchased by Smt Geetha,West by : Vrushabhavathi river , North by : Pathway heading from Kengeri to Hemmigepura,South by: Private property , Kadirappa's land
Schedule 'B' Property: Measuring 520 Undivided share , right, title and interest in the land schedule A property
Schedule 'C' Property: A residential 2 BHK apartment bearing No D-602 in the 5th floor, D Block of the building constructed and known as "Ramanuja Enclave" with super built up area of b1201 Sqft along with one covered car parking in the basement with proportionate share in common areas such as passages , lobbies, lift and staircase etc contained in the multi storied building constructed on the Schedule A property.

Encumbrances on property	NIL
Reserve Price	Rs 57,81,000.00
EMd Amount	Rs 5,78,100.00
Bid incremental amount	Rs.10,000/-
Date and time of e-auction	24.07.2024 from 10.00 am to 05.00 pm
Property ID No	IDIB6529735613

Indian Bank, Hennur Road Branch,Ph. No: 80502 91613

Sl No.3: Name of the Borrowers:1.M/S. Berakah Enterprises Prop-Mr. Vinod Kumar B Buisness Adress-No 582 Pwd Road Kalkere Agara Banjara Layout Bangalore-560077 **Residence Adress-No56/57** ANR CBlock 1st 1st main 4th cross Lake view Residency Horamavu Agara Road Near Shilpa Bakery Contact No-9900267748. **Mrs.Selvi Vinod Kumar (Guarantor)** No56/57 ANR CBlock 1st 1st main 4th cross Lake view Residency Horamavu Agara Road Near Shilpa Bakery Contact No-9900267748. **Amount Recovery : Rs. 31,69,955.00 (Rupees Thirty-one lakh sixty-nine thousand nine hundred fifty-five Only) (as on 04.07.2024) due** PIs Interest and expenses thereon. **Detailed description of the Property:** the Residential Plot No 19 H L Khata No 274 74, New Khata No1552 Property No 26/4 & 27/3 Situated at DoddaGubbi Village Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East ,Bangalore 560077,Measuring East To West (47.6+47.3)/2 feet and north to south 30 Ft in All Measuring 1423.5 SqFt Boundaries of property: East By-25 Feet Road North By-Site No 18,West By-Private property, South by-Site No 20 ..

Encumbrances on property	NIL
Reserve Price	Rs. 3200000.00
EMd Amount	Rs.320000.00
Bid incremental amount	Rs.10000.00
Date and time of e-auction	24.07.2024 from 10.00 am to 05.00 pm
Property ID No	IDIB50305853780

Indian Bank, Cantonment Branch,Ph. No:94498 64112

Sl No.4: Name of the Borrowers:Mr. Daniel A and Mrs. Poondi Mary, No-6, Bairathi Village off Hennur Road, Kothanru Post, Bidarahalli, Bangalore - 560077
Amount Recovery : Rs. Rs. 24,21,350/- (Rupees Twenty four lakh twenty one thousand three hundred fifty only) as on 05.07.2024.
Detailed description of the Property: All that piece and parcel property bearing Khata No. 97/2 property No. 97/2 situated at BBMP Byratti Village, Bidaradalli, Hobli, Kothanuru Post, Bangalore East Taluk measuring East to West 28.5 ft and North to South 47 ft of totalling 1339.5 Sqft.Property bounded by:East: Property of Anthonappa,West: Property of Gabriel Yellappa,North: Property of Chowri Muttu,South: Property of Yagappa.

Encumbrances on property	NIL
Reserve Price	Rs. 78,10,000.00
EMd Amount	Rs.7,81,000.00
Bid incremental amount	Rs.10000.00
Date and time of e-auction	24.07.2024 from 10.00 am to 05.00 pm
Property ID No	IDIB6345274080

Indian Bank,Hennur Road Branch,Ph. No: 80502 91613

Sl No5: Name of the Borrowers:1.Mr./Mrs./Ms./M/s Mr.S. Harisankar(Borrower) Address-FLAT NO 402B NISHANTH PRIME APARTMENT1028 IMADIHALLI ROAD HAGADURU WHITEFILELD Pin-560102 **.2.Smt. Rajalakshmi (Guarantor)** w/o-Madhavan Embranthiri S Address-Salathadukkamana House,Viradoor Nagar,Nelambur Malappuram District Kerala-679329,**3.Nisha Madhvan(Guarantor)** Adddress-Salathadukkamana House,Viradoor Nagar, Nelambur Malappuram District Kerala-679329.**Amount Recovery : Rs.53,57,802.00 (Rupees Fifty-three Lakh Fifty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Two only) (as on 03.05.2024**

Detailed description of the Property: NO 1028 Falt no 402 B 4th Floor NISHANTH PRIME APARTMENT measuring 1289 sqft of super builtup area along with 485 Sq.Ft of undivided share right title and interest in and over schedule A property along withone covered car parking situated at Hagaduru Village K R Pura Hobli Bangalore east Taluk BBMP Ward no 84 comprising of total area measuring 01 acres and 36.08 guntas residentially converted land bearing sy. No.85/1 vide official memrandaum NoALN(eKHW) SR/16/2011-12 dated 24.06.2011 presently bearing BBMP khata No 1029/28 .Boundries of composite property :East By-Byranna's property, North By-Road,West By-Vekankatappa's property ,South by-Govt Channel.

Encumbrances on property	NIL
Reserve Price	Rs. 5500000.00
EMd Amount	Rs.550000.00
Bid incremental amount	Rs.10000.00
Date and time of e-auction	24.07.2024 from 10.00 am to 05.00 pm
Property ID No	IDIB30013878079

Indian Bank,Cantonment Branch,Ph. No:94498 64112

Sl No6: Name of the Borrowers:Mr C Vasudeva Raju (borrower),Mr E kumar Raju, Guarantor (s) No 90, 5th Main Krishnaga, KothannurDinne, 8th Phase, J P Nagar,Bangalore-560078. **Amount Recovery : Rs.41,20,098/- (Rs. Forty one lakh twenty thousand ninety eight only) (as on 05.07.2024) and interest thereon .Detailed description of the Property:** Bearing Site New Municipal No. 43, PID No.55-56-43, (old Site No.05, Khatha No. 540/42/3, old Muncipal No. 352/2/ 753/1), Situated at 3rd cross (old 1st Cross Road), 1st main, Muneshwara Nagara, Kadirenehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli Bangalore South Taluk ,Bangalore, Presently comes in the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, together with house building thereon and bounded on the :East: by Munivenkatappa's property, West : by 20 ft Road, North: Raj Kaluve, South: Shyamann's Property.

Encumbrances on property	NIL
Reserve Price	Rs.69,30,000/-
EMd Amount	Rs 6,93,000/
Bid incremental amount	Rs.10000.00
Date and time of e-auction	24.07.2024 from 10.00 am to 05.00 pm
Property ID No	IDIB6214399123

Indian Bank,New Tippasandra Branch,Ph. No:94498 64129

Sl No7: Name of the Borrowers:Mrs. Gowramma HK , W/o Mr Mr T Rudramuni,No .84,5th Cross, Muddinapalya Main Road,Anjana NagarBangalore-560091.**Mr T Rudramuni** S/O Thippanni, No.84,5th Cross,Muddinapalya Main Road,Anjana NagarBangalore-560091 Bangalore 560091. **(Name and address of the borrower/guarantor). Amount Recovery : Rs. 70,05,949.00 (Rupees seventy Lac Five Thousand Nine Hundred Fouty Nine only) (as on 05/07/2024 and interest thereon .Detailed description of the Property:** All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing vide site No.3,southern Portion & 4,New Khatha No.1400&1401,Old Khatha No.1400/ 109/03 &1401/109/04,formed in Sy No.109/1 Nandagokulanagara, Navilunagara Main Road, Andrahalli, Kariobanahalli village,Y eshwanthpura hobli,Bengaluru-560058 sqft comes within the jurisdiction of BBMP.East by:Raju Kaluve, West by:Road,North by:Northern Portion of Site No.3 ,South by:Site No.4.

Encumbrances on property	NIL
Reserve Price	Rs.70,00,000/-
EMd Amount	Rs 7,00,000/-
Bid incremental amount	Rs.10000.00
Date and time of e-auction	24.07.2024 from 10.00 am to 05.00 pm
Property ID No	IDIB6158887066

Indian Bank, Richmond Circle branch, Branch,Ph. No:94498 64133

Sl No8: Name of the Borrowers:Mr K V PRAKASH (borrower) S/o Late Venkateshaiah AMRUTURU, Hobli Kunigal Korati K. Honnamachanahalli Tumkur Karnataka 572111 **Mrs Meenakshi (Co Borrower)** W/o K V Prakash AMRUTURU, Hobli Kunigal Korati K. Honnamachanahalli Tumkur Karnataka 572111. **Mr B M Krishna (Guarantor)** S/o Narayana No 7, 2 nd cross, Ramaih layout Peeniya 2 nd stage Bangalore 560058.**Amount Recovery : Rs. 24,64,839/- (Twenty four lakhs sixty four Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Nine only) as on 06.07.2024 and further interests and charges.**
Detailed description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearingWestern portion of site bearing no 101 present BBMP Khatha no 101/1/995 situated in Layout formed by Guest Keen Williams PPD Employees House building Co- op society (GKW) in the lands formed in sy no 111/1,111/2A,111/3 of Laggere village Yeshwanthapur Hobli , Bangalore North Taluk BBMP Ward no 70, PID no 070-W0064-38, measuring East to west : towards northern side 1 feet towards southern side 18 feet , north to south towards eastern side 40 feet and western side 44.6 feet totally 401.85 Sq feet and bounded by: East : Remaining Portion of Site no101 West : Private Property,North: Site no 12,South: 40 feet Road .

Encumbrances on property	NIL
Reserve Price	Rs.1807000/-
EMd Amount	Rs 180700/-
Bid incremental amount	Rs.10000.00
Date and time of e-auction	24.07.2024 from 10.00 am to 05.00 pm
Property ID No	IDIB6562636511

Indian Bank, New Tippasandra Branch,Ph. 94498 64129

Sl No9: Name of the Borrowers:Sri M Mehesh s/o Sri Mahadev and Smt. Chandrakala, W/o Sri M Mehesh 7, 17th Cross, Tigalara Palya, Peenya 2nd, Bangalore 560 058.**(Name and address of the borrower/guarantor). .Amount Recovery : Rs. 98,99,143.00 (Rupees Ninty Eight Lac Ninety Nine Thousand One Hundred Forty Three only) (as on 05/07/2024) due and further interests and charges. Detailed description of the Property:** All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing residential site no 22(Along with residential building constructed therein) New Khata No 1419, Old Khata no 1419/109/22, formed in converted land in Sy no 109/1 of Karivobhanahalli, village, (Land was converted into residential use vide official memorandum bearing No ALN(N)(Y) SR/86/2012-13, dated 01.03.2013 passed by Deputy Commissioner Bangalore Dist. Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, With In the jurisdiction of BBMP measuring East to West 40ft, and North to South 30Ft, Totally Measuring 1200 Sft.East by:Road ,West by:Site No.25,North by: Site No:- 23 , South by: Site No. 21.

Encumbrances on property	NIL
Reserve Price	Rs.25,00,000/-
EMd Amount	Rs 2,50,000/-
Bid incremental amount	Rs.10000.00
Date and time of e-auction	24.07.2024 from 10.00 am to 05.00 pm
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Date:05.07.2024
Place :Bangalore

Sd/-Authorised Officer,
Indian Bank

Referring to the three new laws introduced by the Centre, Minister for Law, Parliamentary Affairs, and Legislation HK Patil said, "Karnataka's legal expert committee had made 27 suggestions to the Centre, while preparing the three new criminal laws. But none of them have been adopted. Hence, we are thinking of adopting the experts' suggestions while implementing these laws in Karnataka."

WITH NO TIMELY MEASURES BY AUTHORITIES, DENGUE GRIPS STATE

Dengue fever has spread fast this year, seeing a spike of 60% in the first six months as compared to last year. While it can be contained and treated, the rush of panicked citizens to hospitals is denying treatment to deserving patients, say doctors

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

A file photo shows a BBMP worker fumigate a garden, in the wake of rising dengue cases, in Bengaluru | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

IN the midst of monsoon season, as rain-drenched streets become breeding grounds for Aedes mosquitoes, cities across Karnataka are on high alert as the state, till July 7, reported 7,165 positive dengue cases.

Dengue, which can be prevented to a large extent through evidence-based strategies such as comprehensive source reduction, robust surveillance systems and by monitoring and reducing mosquito populations, continues to spread each year due to authorities' failure to implement timely measures, particularly before the monsoon season.

Doctors from various hospitals noted a surge in admissions this year not primarily due to the severity of dengue cases, but rather because of heightened public panic amid the rising number of reported cases.

This year, from January till June, the cases spiked nearly 60% as compared to 2023. Doctors, nonetheless, said the severity level this year was manageable so far. However, the panic left no room for those truly in need or dealing with severe complications, doctors said, deeming the influx of admissions 'unnecessary'.

In slightly over six months, the health department conducted about 54,820 serum samples tests. Of the total cases, the highest positive cases were reported in BBMP limits with 1,988 cases followed by 546 in Chikkamagaluru.

As compared to 11 deaths last year, the fatalities this year till July 7, stood at six with two reported in Hassan and one each in BBMP limits, Shivamogga, Dharwad, and Haveri.

BIG PICTURE

When should a person see a doctor?

"It is crucial to seek medical attention if an individual has a high-grade fever lasting more than two days which does not subside with regular fever medicine," said Dr Ramesh GH, Head of Intensive Care Unit (ICU), Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (BMCRI).

A positive dengue diagnosis should not cause panic, but monitoring the platelet levels daily is vital. If platelet levels remain stable or increase, there is less cause for concern. However, if they drop below 40,000, or if one notices warning signs like bleeding gums or blood in urine, seek immediate medical help, Dr Ramesh said, adding that it could necessitate hospitalisation and possibly platelet transfusion.

Strategic approaches for effective dengue control

Epidemiologist Dr Giridhar R Babu said the country has the potential to effectively combat the dengue epidemic by implementing evidence-based vector control strategies. By focusing on comprehensive source reduction, robust surveillance systems, and fostering strong public-private partnerships, the country can mitigate dengue prevalence and outbreaks.

Enhancing surveillance capabilities and utilising actionable data are critical steps towards reducing dengue-related morbidity and mortality, he said and highlighted preemptive measures such as eliminating mosquito breeding sites prior to the season and improving diagnostic capacities are essential.

Citing Singapore's example, he said India can consider adopting innovative vector surveillance and control technologies like the Gravitrap and Wolbachia. Gravitrap is a mosquito surveillance tool that attracts and captures female Aedes mosquitoes, which are responsible for transmitting dengue. It utilises a combination of water and attractant to lure mosquitoes, aiding in monitoring mosquito populations and assessing the effectiveness of control measures.

Wolbachia involves infecting Aedes mosquitoes with the Wolbachia bacterium, which reduces their ability to transmit dengue viruses. It suppresses mosquito populations naturally through the release of Wolbachia-infected mosquitoes into the environment.

Also, there must be an integrated plan to address the multifaceted challenges posed by climate change, urbanisation and global connectivity in dengue control efforts. By adopting these strategies and technologies, India can significantly enhance its capacity to combat dengue outbreaks and protect public health nationwide, he explained.

Essential tests for Dengue

There are three types of essential tests for detecting dengue infections — ELISA test for NS1 and IgM and rapid card test for NS1, IgM, IgG. While ELISA test provides comprehensive diagnostic results, rapid card test gives early diagnostic results. Recently, the state health department capped prices of these essential tests at Rs 300 for ELISA test and Rs 250 for rapid card test.

Explaining the tests, Dr Manoj Kumar HV, Dean-cum-Director at Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College and Research Institution, said ELISA (Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay) and rapid card tests play a crucial role in detecting the virus in different settings.

The ELISA test offers a robust detection capability for both dengue antigen (NS1) and antibodies with a sensitivity ranging from 95% to 99%. It is typically performed in clinical laboratories, providing accurate results due to its higher detection rate, he explained.

Rapid card tests, though convenient for casualty use, exhibit a slightly lower sensitivity of about 70-80%, he said and added that these tests also detect NS1 antigen and dengue antibodies (IgM and IgG), with IgM indicating a current infection, appearing 2-3 days after infection onset, and IgG indicating a past infection. The dual approach helps healthcare providers to swiftly diagnose and manage dengue cases, crucial for effective treatment and containment efforts during outbreaks.

Doctors opine that ELISA tests are generally more accurate and reliable compared to rapid card tests. They said they prefer the ELISA test for confirmation of dengue infection and detailed serological studies (the study of antibodies in the serum).

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

Defining slums and locations with open water storage as the most vulnerable areas, experts highlighted measures crucial in reducing mosquito breeding grounds and lowering the risk of dengue transmission.

GENERAL DENGUE PREVENTION

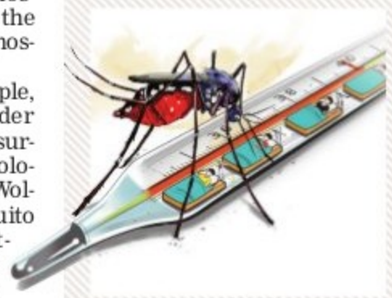
- Ensure proper waste management to eliminate breeding sites for mosquitoes.
- Use mosquito repellents and bed nets to prevent bites.
- Wear long-sleeved clothing and use mosquito screens on windows and doors.

FOR OPEN TANKS AND SUMPS

- Cover all water storage containers, tanks, and sumps to prevent mosquito breeding.
- Use larvicides or biological control agents in water bodies to kill mosquito larvae.
- Regularly clean and scrub water containers to remove mosquito eggs and larvae.

IN SLUM AREAS

- Take up regular community clean-up drives to remove stagnant water and garbage.
- Give access to mosquito repellents and distribute treated bed nets in slum communities.



STATEWISE DATA

DISTRICTS	TOTAL POSITIVE CASES (till July 7)
BBMP	1,988
Bengaluru (U)	31
Bengaluru (R)	30
Ramanagara	60
Kolar	57
Chikkaballapur	97
Tumakuru	182
Chitradurga	275
Davanagere	173
Shivamogga	292
Belagavi	177
Vijayapura	185
Bagalkot	58
Dharwad	289
Gadag	62
Haveri	481
Uttara Kannada	122
Kalaburagi	180
Yadgir	7
Bidar	57
Ballari	85
Vijayanagar	33
Raichur	39
Koppal	93
Mysuru	496
Chamarajanagar	54
Mandya	215
Hassan	224
Dakshina Kannada	263
Udupi	201
Chikkamagaluru	546
Kodagu	113
TOTAL	**7,165**

AGE-WISE DATA

AGE	CUMULATIVE
0 to 1 years	135
1 to 18 years	2,496
18 & above	4,534
Total	**7,165**

Quality and freshness of platelets is vital for recovery

Monitoring platelet counts daily on an OPD basis is crucial for managing dengue patients effectively. When buying platelets, it is essential to source them from reputable blood banks and always check the date of donation, as platelets have a lifespan of only five days. Platelets are stored in blood banks with mild agitation to prevent clumping. There are two types of platelets available – random platelets and single donor platelets, with the latter offering a higher increase in platelet count. Ensuring the quality and freshness of platelets is vital for optimal patient care and recovery.

Panchamsali seer holds meeting at MLA's house

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

PANCHAMSALIS are sabre rattling again over 2 A reservation status, recognising them as a backward class.

Panchamsali pontiff **Jaya Mrutyunjaya Swami** has started holding meetings at the residences of different MLAs, and on Sunday, it was the turn of Terdal MLA Siddu Savadi.

The meetings have earlier been held at the residences of Panchamsali leaders and MLAs Vinay Kulkarni, Arvind Bellad and MR Patil. There will soon be a meeting at the house of Minister Lakshmi Hebbalkar, who too belongs to the community.

The seer told *The New Indian Express*, "It is one year since the Congress government came to power and it did not respond proactively to our demands. Congress did not do well in Lok Sabha elections in the Mumbai-Karnataka region. They need to do a rethink."

The Assembly has 20 Panchamsali members. Of them, 11 are from Congress, eight from BJP and one JDS.

Some backward class movement leaders said that if the community can prove their backwardness, then they too will get the reservation.

Attendees collect liquor at the venue, where a thanksgiving event was held for BJP-JDS workers after Dr K Sudhakar's win, in Nelamangala on Sunday

Sudhakar's 'heady' thanksgiving event draws criticism

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

THE thanksgiving event for BJP-JDS workers by newly elected Chikkaballapur BJP Lok Sabha member Dr K Sudhakar, held at Nelamangala on Sunday, turned chaotic as those attending it fell over each other to get liquor that was being served free at the venue. The police had a tough time controlling the crowd, and had to merely watch the melee.

At the event, allegedly sponsored by Nelamangala BJP president Jagadish Chowdhary, non-vegetarian food, beer and packets of hard liquor were distributed. Some of the participants had passed out at the venue, eyewitnesses said.

It is said that the organisers had expected a crowd of 10,000-15,000 but over 60,000 turned up. Even if it was the expected numbers, it would have still been difficult to control the crow, said a police officer. "At least in future, the excise department should not give licence to such public events," he suggested.

It also exposed a lack of coordination as Bengaluru Rural SP CK Baba had asked the excise department not to give a licence to serve liquor, which was ignored, sources said.

But Excise Deputy Commission Nagesh Kumar told TNIE, "The organisers had applied before the Nelamangla DySP for permission and paid a fee of Rs 11,500, following which we gave a day's licence."

Assembly Opposition Leader R Ashoka, former MLA Nagaraju and former MLC E Krishnappa from JDS also took part.

Sudhakar said, "I am not aware of the distribution of liquor and I do not encourage such things. The participants might have bought liquor somewhere and had it at the venue."

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundurao posted on X, "Saying one thing, doing another, how to believe them(BJP)... BJP leaders are busy distributing liquor while the state is dengue-stricken. Where are the BJP leaders who questioned venturing into swimming when I visited Mangaluru? Is this(distribution of liquor) your culture?"

I'd warned of graft at MUDA: BJP MLA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

BJP MLA ST Somashekar, who was Mysuru district in-charge minister during the previous BJP government, revealed on Sunday that there was rampant corruption at the Mysuru Urban Development Authority during his tenure.

Somashekar said he had written to the government and tried getting the then MUDA commissioner transferred as the sites were allotted on a 50:50 ratio, though the state government had struck it down.

He accused the commissioner of sanctioning sites without holding a meeting of the authority. He alleged that the commissioner did not follow rules, but the government continued with him because of caste reasons. "This major scam would not have occurred if he had been transferred. I wish we will have administrative reforms at MUDA," he added.

Somashekar said that most of the subjects in the agenda tabled at MUDA meetings were related to legislators who were also MUDA members, and they were passed without any discussion. He recalled that the deputy commissioner had written to the government as subjects at the meetings were cleared without discussion.

He said many legislators from Mandya, Chamarajanagar and Mysuru districts were MUDA members by falsely providing local Mysuru address. This is not the case with the Bangalore Development Authority, where two legislators, two corporators and four party workers are members, he added.

Somashekar said he neither got any site allotted for himself, nor did he issue any recommendation to MUDA officials. If charges are proved, he would resign, he added.

He welcomed district in-charge minister HC Mahadeevappa's decision to reduce the number of MUDA members to three and bring in major reforms.

This major scam would not have occurred if he (commissioner) had been transferred. I wish we will have administrative reforms at MUDA

ST Somashekar, BJP MLA

HC Mahadevappa

'No need for CBI probe into MUDA scam, K'taka police efficient enough'

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"IT is unfortunate that a few vested interests are making false and baseless charges against Siddaramaiah," minister HC Mahadevappa said.

He clarified that the allotment of alternative sites to Parvathi has nothing to do with irregularities and violations in allotment of developed sites to other beneficiaries under the 50:50 ratio by MUDA. The government will act against those involved in the scam once the team led by the urban development commissioner submits its report, he added.

Mahadevappa said the 3.16 acres of land on Survey Number 463 in Kesare was not "granted" land to Javara, a Dalit -- who is said to be the original owner -- as he purchased it at an auction for Rs 100 in 1985. He said Parvathi's brother Mallikarjunaswamy bought the land and gifted it to her. When MUDA acquired the land, she objected to it. Later, she had written to MUDA, accepting the allotment of sites on a 50:50 ratio, he said. She had not insisted on MUDA granting her land at Vijayanagara or any other specific layout, he added.

The opposition has alleged that the allotment of 38,000 sqft of land to Parvathi was because of political considerations and to cover up the illegal allotment of sites under the 50:50 ratio.

He said the government has ordered a probe based on a letter written by the deputy commissioner. This has nothing to do with the Parvathi case, he stressed. He said the Congress government has strengthened the PTCL act to protect the lands of SC/STs, whereas the previous BJP government had diluted the provisions.

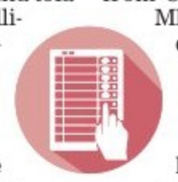
Mahadevappa said he discussed with Siddaramaiah the need to reform MUDA by bringing down the number of members to reduce their influence. The CM has given his go-ahead, he added. On the opposition demand for a CBI probe, he said the Karnataka police are efficient enough to investigate the case.

Take Yogeshwara into confidence: HDK tells partymen

ENS @ Bengaluru

UNION Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries HD Kumaraswamy, also JDS state president, continued the suspense over the selection of a candidate for the Channaptna by-election. On Saturday, he had said there will be a surprise BJP-JDS candidate for the constituency.

On Sunday, he met party workers and leaders from the constituency at his residence and told them that the JDS-BJP alliance should face the election unitedly, and arrive at a consensus in choosing the candidate. "It doesn't matter who the candidate is, he will be from NDA. Everyone should work in unison to ensure his victory," he told them.



He suggested that key leaders from Channapatna meet BJP MLC CP Yogeshwara and discuss the issue with him openly. "Yogeshwara should be taken into confidence," he added.

Kumaraswamy said he will come to Bengaluru next week after attending the Lok Sabha session and a decision will be taken after a detailed discussion in consultation with state and national BJP leaders. His son and Yuva Janata Dal state president Nikhil Kumaraswamy and hundreds of workers were present at the meeting. Yogeshwara had claimed that he will be the candidate and insisted that Kumaraswamy announce it officially. He had also said he would launch the campaign from Monday.

Nearly two months after busting a group of peddlers who had been selling prescription drugs and other narcotics in Coimbatore, the police arrested a Hubballi-based pharmacist, Vasanth Shetty (69), for supplying drugs like tapentadol tablets and nitrazepam to peddlers in Coimbatore

President Droupadi Murmu at the Jagannath Rath Yatra in Puri on Sunday

Murmu pulls Taladhwaja chariot at rath yatra

RAJKUMAR MOHANTY @ Puri

GRAND Road, the venue for Lord Jagannath, Devi Subhadra and Lord Balabhadra's annual sojourn to Gundicha temple, the abode of their aunt, teemed with a sea of devotees as lakhs of devotees converged to take part in the festival with President Droupadi Murmu in attendance this year.

This is the first time ever that President of India participated in the festival. Murmu also pulled the Taladhwaja chariot.

In a stellar display of unity by keeping aside political rivalry, the grand event saw the leader of the Opposition and former chief minister Naveen Patnaik alongside President Murmu, Governor Raghubar Das, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and his deputies KV Singh Deo and Pravati Parida, besides Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan share stage and pay obeisance to the deities.

In fact, when Naveen arrived at the venue and went to the special stage where Murmu was seated and offered his greetings to her from the ground, Pradhan came down and invited him to the dias. Naveen was offered a seat beside the Governor. He later went down to three chariots and offered his prayers.

This Rath Yatra is considered unique as all three rituals of Netra Utsav, Nabajaubana Darshan and Rath Yatra are being held on the same day. A similar celestial arrangement had occurred 53 years ago, in 1971.

As per schedule, the temple servitors began the daily chores of the deities at 4 am by performing Mangal Arati, Mailum, Abakash, Surya Puja and Rosa Homa.

The deities were then dressed for the journey and offered khichdi bhog. The deities were then escorted in the ceremonial pahandi by the daita servitors to their respective chariots.

Lord Balabhadra was the first to be taken to his Taladhwaja chariot followed by Devi Subhadra to Darpadalana and Lord Jagannath to Nandighosh.

As soon as the idol of Lord Jagannath was brought out of Simhadwar, cries of Hari Bol, Jai Jagannath and hulhuli filled the air.

The overcast condition and high humidity failed to dent the enthusiasm of devotees. The pahandi was completed by 2.20 pm.

Naidu claims to revive TDP in T'gana

Says will infuse young blood; Political analysts try to figure out implications of his comments

IREDDY SRINIVAS REDDY
@ Hyderabad

ANDHRA Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Sunday left political analysts trying to figure out implications of his comments that the Telangana unit of the TDP will not only be reactivated, but revived to its past glory.

He affirmed that he would restructure his party in Telangana very soon, infusing young blood, with a vision to sustain the leadership for the next three to four decades.

He made these remarks while addressing a jam-packed press conference at NTR Trust Bhavan, the party's state headquarters, following a huge rally here on Sunday.

Earlier, Deputy Chief Minister K Pawan Kalyan too had spoken about dabbling in Telangana politics, heating up the political climate in the state. A day after his meeting with Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, Naidu on Sunday announced plans to reactivate the TDP in the state, expressing confidence that it will regain its past prominence. This announcement, made at NTR Trust Bhavan, marked Naidu's first visit to Hyderabad and the party office since becoming the CM for the fourth time. Naturally, the statement created a stir, as the TDP has been largely inactive in Telangana for several years.

Recently, while visiting the Kondagattu temple, Jana Sena Party (JSP) supremo Pawan Kalyan had said that the BJP and JSP would work as allies in Telangana.

The TDP, JSP and BJP alliance is already in power in Andhra Pradesh, having defeated the YSRC in the recent elections. Responding to Pawan Kalyan's comment, Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay said that the BJP high command would soon decide on the alliance's continuation in Telangana. The success of these parties in Andhra Pradesh and the possibility of their alliance continuing in Telangana has naturally attracted much interest. Historically, the TDP and BJP had an alliance in Telangana until the 2014 Assembly Elections, having contested together in 1994, 1999 and 2004.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu being welcomed by party workers and supporters, at NTR Bhavan, Hyderabad on Sunday.

The current political dynamics bode well for a reunion of these parties in Telangana, with the JSP joining the alliance. This raises questions about the future of the main Opposition party in Telangana, the Bharat Rashtra Samiti (BRS). A former minister from the BRS claimed that Naidu's entry into Telangana would benefit the pink party as public sentiment would favour it. He said that Telangana residents would not accept Naidu, who opposed the state's formation and was perceived as unjust during his tenure as CM of undivided Andhra Pradesh.

LAST RESPECTS

BSP national president Mayawati pays homage to Tamil Nadu BSP president Armstrong, who was murdered, in Chennai on Sunday. She sought a CBI probe.

First case of rat fever in Haveri

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Haveri/Gadag

A 12-year-old boy was diagnosed with rat bite fever in Haveri on Sunday. He is now being treated at the Haveri district hospital and is recovering.

He was suffering from fever for the last 15 days and it was confirmed as rat fever on July 5. As he was also suffering from jaundice, a complete blood test was prescribed and, meanwhile, was discharged from the district hospital.

When rat fever was confirmed, doctors asked the parents to bring him back to the hospital.

The boy's mother said, "Doctors called us on Saturday and admitted our son to the hospital again. The doctors say he is fine now."

EXPRESS READ

POCSO accused attacks minor girl after coming out on bail

Visakhapatnam: A day after a 14-year-old minor girl was fatally attacked with a knife by a man in Koppigondapalem village in Anakapalle district, it was revealed that the accused had previously been jailed under the POCSO Act for misconduct involving the same girl. He was released on bail just 10 days ago. Suresh, the accused, harboured a grudge against the girl for his arrest, and attacked the girl studying class IX, when she was alone

Over 100 Ashram school students test positive for malaria in Odisha

Berhampur: Malaria has reached alarming levels in Rayagada district, with over 103 students from an Ashram school in Kalyansingpur, testing positive for the disease within the past one week. Following the reopening of schools, students returned to the school last week, when about 15 students suffered high fever. In response, the district welfare department urged the health department to investigate. A health team collected blood samples from nearly 230 students, and the reports revealed that 103 of them were malaria-positive.

Karnataka to provide nine trained jumbos to AP

IVNP PRASAD BABU @Ongole

NALLAMALA reserve forest will soon get a nine elephants forest protection fleet to safeguard both the botanical and zoological wildlife.

The AP Forest department has made adequate security to protect the valuable, rare tree species, wild animals and the ecosystem of the Nallamala reserve forest from fire accidents, hunters and poachers by deploying number of workers, rangers, striking force's, anti-poaching squads equipped with modern walkie- talkies etc., resources. However, intruders, wood smugglers and hunters are making their ways to enter into the reserve forest and continuing their illegal activities.

Nallamala Forest officials thought about deploying trained elephants to safeguard the reserve forest, and they requested the Karnataka state forest officials to provide a trained elephant squad to safeguard the Nallamala Forest interior and protected zones from the unauthorized trespassing and intrusion of hunters, wood smugglers and poachers.

"The Karnataka state Forest officials responded positively and agreed to provide a total of 9 trained elephants. They also agreed to give Mahout training to the AP forest staff to control the jumbos. These mahout trainees will learn about the food habits, habitation, movements and will acquire skills to control/ tackle the Pachyderms in all situations." E Visveswara Rao, Forest Range Officer- Pedda Dornala explained.

Awardees of the Women Leadership Conclave 4.0 Ceremony at Christ University, Central Campus in Bengaluru. | ALLEN EGENUSE J

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby notified that our client **Sri. SUPREETH. S,** S/o Sridhar P.R, residing at #237, Inchara, 5th Main, ITI Layout, Mallathahalli, Bengaluru-560056 is desirous to purchase the schedule property from his Seller **Sri. Suhail Ahmed,** S/o Abdul Khadir, residing at #16-8/2, 7th Main Road, 1st Cross, HMT Layout, Ganganagara Post, R.T. Nagar, Bengaluru-560032 for a valuable sale consideration. If anybody or person/s having any claim, objections, disputes, right, title or interest whatsoever nature in the schedule property may contact us in person or lodge the same with the undersigned within **07 days** from the date of publication of this public notice with cogent documentary proof/s. If any such objection/s, claim/s or dispute/s whatsoever has not lodged within the said **07 days,** our client shall proceed further to purchase the schedule property from his seller Sri. Suhail Ahmed. Any subsequent claim, objection, dispute, right, title or interest whatsoever nature will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE

All that part, piece and parcel of the vacant residential site bearing **No. 894,** having PID No. 3217010462, situated at **Anjanapura Layout, 8th Block, Bengaluru** and measuring : East to West: 18.00 Meters, North to South: 12.00 Meters. Totally measuring: **216.00 Square Meters**. Bounded on the:

East by : Road, West by: Site No. 911, North by: Site No. 895, South by: Site No. 893.

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Date: 08-07-2024 Bengaluru

BEFORE THE 1st ADDL. DISTRICT CONSUMER DISPUTE REDRESSAL COMMISSION, BENGALURU REVIEW APPLICATION No. 3/2023

BETWEEN: Mr. Girish ... APPLICANT

AND: M/s Duo Associates & others ... **OPPOSITE PARTIES**

SUMMONS/NOTICES

To, 1. **M/s. Duo Associates,** A registered partnership firm, Having its Office at No.28, Ulsoor Road, Bangalore 560 042. Also at: No.8, Koramangala, 2nd block, Hosur Road, Next to K R Condiments, Adjacent to Noor-E-Masjid Complex, Bangalore 560034. Rep. by its Managing Partners: **a. Sri. A.M. Sharath Chandra,** S/o. A.M. Minivenkategowda, aged about 58 years. **b. Sri. T. Phani Mahesh,** S/o. T.C. Ashwathanarayana, aged about 55 years. No.1136, Babu Lilayan, 5th Main, 7th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560034. **2. M/S. AKSHAYA PROPERTIES,** A proprietorship concern having its office at No.10, 6th Cross, Viveknagar, Ejipura, Kormangala, Bangalore-560047, Represented by its Proprietor P. Ashok Kumar.

Whereas the above review petition is filed seeking to rectify the order portion at Para 2 of the ORDER at Page 10 by directing the OP's to jointly and severally to pay Rs 16,37,245/- to the complainant with 10% interest on the amount from 29-04-2005 till payment of entire amount.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear before this Hon'ble Commission either in person or through counsel duly instructed or through someone authorized by law to act for you in the above case on **30/07/2024** in case you intend to contest the above suit. If you fail to appear the same will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, on this 06/07/2024

By order of the court Commission, Asst. Registrar-Cum-Assistant Administrative Officer Bengaluru Rural & Bengaluru Urban 1st Addl. District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, 1st Floor, BMTC 'E' Block, TTMC Building, K.H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bangaluru-560 027.

APTRANSCO :: VIJAYAWADA
e-Procurement Tender Notice

The APTRANSCO invites bids on e-procurement platform vide **Tender Specification No. PMM23-3-2024** for Lot-I: Supply of 50MVA 132/33kV Power Transformers-10 Nos. (ECV for Lot-I: Rs.40,99,91,000/-) Lot-II : Supply of 50MVA 132/33kV Power Transformers - 10 Nos (ECV for Lot-II : Rs.40,99,91,000/-). Bidding documents are available at **www.tender.apeprocurement.gov.in** Date of availability of Bids: 08.07.2024 @ 5 p.m.

Sd/- Chief Engineer/Transmission, Vidyut Soudha, APTRANSCO, Vijayawada
DIPR No.3064PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt: 05.07.2024

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office: No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001. **E-Mail id:** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Phone:** 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.11,31,673/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Thirty One Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Three only)** as on **04-07-2024** together with further interest to be charged from **05-07-2024** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Shahiya Timbers, No.2311, Mothi Nagar, Main Road, 2nd Railway Gate, Ramanagaram - 562159. No.2) Mr. Touseef Ulla Khan, S/o. Sami Ulla Khan, No.2966, 4th Ward, Masjid Lane, Mothi Nagar, Ramanagara - 562159. No.3) Mrs. Sheemaz, W/o. Touseef Ulla Khan, No.2966, 4th Ward, Masjid Lane, Mothi Nagar, Ramanagara - 562159.**

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mr. Touseef Ulla Khan, S/o. Sami Ulla Khan)

All that piece and Parcel of the Residential Property bearing Old Municipal Khatha No.254/238/2015, New Municipal Khatha No.238/2015, Present Property No.16-2-132-3, Old Property No.3015, Assessment No.238/3015. Measuring : East to West 24 feet, North to South 50 feet, Totally measuring 1,200 Sq.ft. situated at Ward No.16, Balageri (Nerale Keri), Ramanagara. Bounded on : East by : House of Asmath Khan, West by : Property of Pushpamma, North by : Property of Wajid Khan, South by : Municipal Road.

Reserve Price : Rs.15,60,000/-
(Rupees Fifteen Lakh Sixty Thousand only)

AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
16-08-2024	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch,** B.M.Road, 316, I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru-Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural - 571511. Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195.

Terms and Conditions of Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch, B.M.Road, 316, I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru - Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural - 571511. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195. (5)** The property/ ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the Sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 06-07-2024 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

KARNATAKA STATE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
BANGALORE RURAL BRANCH : NO.197, 2nd Floor, II Stage, West of chord Road, (Near Rajajinagar I Block Bus Stop) Bangalore-560086 Telephone No.080-23494628 /23495821

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following Plant and machineries are under custody of the Corporation for sale under Sec.29 of SFC's Act 1951 on **"AS IS WHERE IS, WHAT IS AS IS, WHICH IS AS IS BASIS"** at KSFC Godown situated at Sy.No.62, Kammasandra Village, Laxmipura Post, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North – 562162

A)Plant and machinery of M/s. SLN Beverages, a Beverage industry/ package drinking water plant:

MACHINERY DETAILS: (1) 4000 ltrs capacity R.O Plant with motors & accessories- 1set, **(2)** Post RO water treatment plant **a)** Ozonatar & **b)** UV system, **(3)** Storage Tanks – SS 4000 ltr. Capacity-4 nos. & 3000 ltr. Capacity-1 no. **(4)** Automatic Cotrol Multifunction bottling machine(rinsing, filling & capping), **(5)** Metro make old Compressor- 1 no. **(6)** Jar filling machine, rinsing m/c. -Filling capacity 20 ltrs jar **(7)** DG set without any specification in scrap condition **(8)** Cap Elevator- 1 no. (9) Pet bottle rinser in scrap condition-1 no. **(10)** Submersible Borewell Pump with Texmo motor 10.5 HP -1 no. **(11)** Zenith Air Drier, chiller in scrap condition, **(12)** SS Interconnecting pipeline.

Reserve Price – 29.39 Lakhs EMD Amount – Rs.2,93,900/- Bid Multiplier – Rs.10,000/-

B) Plant and machinery of M/s. Indoi Manufacturing, a unit of manufacture of abrasive products

MACHINERY DETAILS: (1) Automatic flap disc making machine A4F size range 75-180 mm, **(2)** Labeling machine,**(3)** Oven, **(4)**Tester, **(5)** Jumbo roll slitting machine, **(6)** Small roll slitting machine, **(7)** Straight joint cut to length cutting machine **(8)** Continuous peeling machine **(9)** Abrasive belt press machine **(10)** Abrasive belt slitting machine 650 **(11)** Abrasive belt slitting machine 300 **(12)** Abrasive belt tester **(13)** Flap disc shrinking machine **(14)** LG make compressor ,Gemini servo stabiizer 100 KVA **(15)** Abrasive wheel small grinding machine, Working table big – 2 nos & small – 2 nos, Office table – 1 no, printer – 1 no & moniter – 1 no. Cleaning machine, Semi automatic strapping machine Stool- small – 1 no & big stool – 1no. Wooden rack

Reserve Price – 63.98 Lakhs EMD Amount – Rs.6,39,800/- Bid Multiplier – Rs.10,000/-

Date and time of Inspection at site: 24.07.2024 from 11.00 am to 2.00pm Last date for payment of EMD 08.08.2024 at 5.00pm. E-auction commences on: 12.08.2024 at 11AM and closes on 13.08.2024 at 5 PM

Persons interested for the purchase of the above assets may participate in the bid through e-auction. and the same are available for sale on "AS IS WHERE IS, WHAT IS AS IS, WHICH IS AS IS BASIS"

Terms & conditions of Sale :The terms and conditions of the sale through e-auction are detailed in website: http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. The interested persons are advised to visit the aforesaid website. This notice is also a 30 days statutory notice for sale of secured asset to the borrower and to the personal guarantors as contemplated under Rule 8 (6) & 9 (1).

For more details on participation of e-auction please contact e-procurement Helpdesk No.91-8046010000, + 91-8068948777, email -support@eprochelpdesk.com or take hands on training at e-procurement Cell, 4th Floor, Sri Arvind Bhavan, Mythika Society Building, Nrupatunga Road, Bangalore-560001.

Date: 08.07.2024 **Sd/- Asst. General Manager**
Place: Bangalore **Bangalore Rural Branch**

DCB BANK

E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002
Sale of Immovable Property
Under Rule 9(1) of Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Public E Auction Notice for sale of Immovable Assets Charged to the DCB BANK under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the borrower, co-borrowers and the guarantors in particular, by the Authorized Officer, that the below mentioned property is mortgaged to DCB BANK LTD. The Authorized Officer of the Bank has taken the symbolic possession under the provisions of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.The property will be sold by E-auction as mentioned below for recovery of the below mentioned dues and further interest, charges and cost etc. as per the details set out in the table: The property will be sold "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" condition. This is also a notice to the borrower, co-borrowers and the guarantors of the loan about holding of the E- auction of sale on the mentioned date, if their outstanding dues are not repaid in full.

SL. NO	Location	Customer name	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	BUILT UP AREA	RESERVE PRICE	EMD AMOUNT	DATE AND TIME OF INSPECTION	DATE OF E-AUCTION
1	Bangalore	Mr B Malyadri Reddy	**Rs: 87,82,221 /- As on 31-07-2024**	**1600.00 Sq.ft,**	**Rs. 66,00,000**	**Rs. 6,60,000**	**18-07-2024** From 11 am To 4 pm contact Person Mr Manu	**26-07-2024 From 11 am**
PROPERTY ADDRESS: Immovable property bearing western portion of the site no.13, formed in Sy.No 5, converted vide no. ALN/40/1937-38 dated 10.08.1937 situated at Kammagondanahalli Village, YeshwanthpurHobli, Bangalore North Taluk and Bounded on:East By : Remaining Eastern Portion of the same property today the vendor has sold to ramu , measuring East To West 29 Feet , And North To South 40Ft West By : Private Property of Mrs. Gajalakshmamma in Sy.No.05, North By : 25 Feet Road South By : Site No .11 belongs to S.Subbarayudu Measuring East To West 29 Feet and North to South 40 Feet , in all measuring 1160 Sq.Feet.								
2	Bangalore	P M ABOOBAKAR	**Rs: 45,93,765 /- As on 31-07-2024**	**600.00 Sq.ft,**	**Rs. 25,00,000**	**Rs. 2,50,000**	**18-07-2024** From 11 am To 4 pm contact Person Mr Manu	**26-07-2024 From 11 am**
PROPERTY ADDRESS:property bearing site no. 30, Panchayat Katha No. 315, situated at Hulimangala village, JiganiHobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 40 Feet & North to South 15 Feet totally measuring 600 Sq. Ft.								
3	Bangalore	MAQBOOL AHMED	**Rs: 2,67,78,478/- As on 31-07-2024**	**1354.00 Sq.ft,**	**Rs. 62,00,000**	**Rs. 6,20,000**	**18-07-2024** From 11 am To 4 pm contact Person Mr Manu	**26-07-2024 From 11 am**
PROPERTY ADDRESS: Immovable property bearing survey no. 33,34,36 & 37 in all measuring 5 acres 2.5 Guntas , situated at whitefield village, KrishnarajapuramHobli , Bangalore East Taluk , Survey no.34(p) K.no. 674/241 situated at white field village K R Puram Hobli , Bangalore measuring 15 Guntas an apartment bearing no.202 & 203, on the second floor of the residential complex known as VDB SENTAI Sy.No 34 White Field , KrishnarajapuramHobli, Bangalore East Taluk - 560066, Land Area - 1354 Sqft, Super Built Up Area 1354 Sqft .								
4	Bangalore	VENKATA RAMANA N	**Rs: 40,61,184 /- As on 31-07-2024**	**1047.00 Sq.ft,**	**Rs. 38,00,000**	**Rs. 3,80,000**	**18-07-2024** From 11 am To 4 pm contact Person Mr Manu	**26-07-2024 From 11 am**
PROPERTY ADDRESS:Schedule- I of the Immovable Property:property of site Nos.18-A,19-A,18-B, &19-B &Khatha Nos,206/18-A,206/19-A,206/18-B,206/19-B, Comprised converted Sy No.37/1B, 37/1c,39/2,40,45,46,49/1,49/3,59/4,50/1,&50/3 (Converted vide order No.ALN SR (A) ,188/95-96 Dated 05/01/1996 iussed by the Deputy Commissioner ,Bangalore, Dist Bangalore) Situated at Trinity Home Stead,Sompur Village ,AnekalTaluk,Bangalore,Totally measuring 14080 Sq. Ft. **Schedule II:265.69 Sq Ft Undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule I above** **Schedule III:**Plot bearing No.410 in the fourt h Floor , measuring 1047 Sq feet Super Built-up AreaContening 2 Bedrooms ,together with One converned Car parking space , including proportionate share in the common area such as passage ,lobbios,staircase,Terrace,contain in the multistied, budling to be constructed on the schedule i property Know as "B M SILVER SPRING"								
5	Bangalore	MADHU KUMAR	**Rs: 32,00,400 /- As on 31-07-2024**	**990.00 Sq.ft,**	**Rs. 34,00,000**	**Rs. 3,40,000**	**18-07-2024** From 11 am To 4 pm contact Person Mr Manu	**26-07-2024 From 11 am**
PROPERTY ADDRESS: Description of the apartments and 213 Sq.Ft of undidvided share , Right , title and interest in the schedule A Property hereby conveyed by the vendors to the purchaser with two bedrooms Flat bearing No.504 on Forth Floor of "A.K. BRINDAVAN" constructed on the schedule 'A' property ,along with an 213 Sq..Ft of undivided share ,right,titleand interest in the land comprised with parking space in the Multi-Storeyed building constructed on schedule A property measuring 990 Sq.Ft of super built area, having RCC Roofing along with sanitary and electrical connection, with one car parking area , in basement.								

Date and time of submission of EMD on or before **25 th July 2024** before 2 pm with request letter of participation KYC, Pan Card, Proof of EMD at email id manu.ko@dcbbank.com / 9663552277

The intending purchasers/bidders are required to deposit EMD amount through Demand Draft/Pay order in the name of DCB Bank LTD.I.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE E-AUCTION ARE AS UNDER:

1. E-Auction is being held on "as is where is "and "whatever there is Basis" and will be conducted "On Line". The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider M/s Foreclosure India (Contact NO: 8142000809) at their web portal https://www.bankauctions.in. E-auction tender document containing online e-auction bid form, Declaration , General Terms and Conditions of online auction sale are available in https://www.bankauctions.in.

2. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property/ies. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrance, tile of the property/ies put on auction and claims/ rights/ dues/ affecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The e- Auction advertisement does not constitute and will be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether know or unknown to the Bank. The authorized Officer/ Secured creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/right/dues.

3. The EMD is refundable without any interest if the bid is not successful. The undersigned reserve the rights to accept or reject any or all the offers or adjourned / postpone the sale without assigning any reason thereof. If the offer is accepted, the purchaser will have to deposit 25% (less EMD Amount) of the sale price immediately on the auction day and if the purchaser fails to deposit the same, the amount deposited towards earnest money shall be forfeited and the property shall forthwith be sold again. The balance amount of purchase price shall be payable on or before the 15th day of confirmation of sale and in default of payment within the stipulated period, the deposit towards earnest money will be forfeited and property will be re-sold. Any other statutory dues/ taxes/ stamp duty/ registration fee/ transfer fee have to be borne by the buyer separately.

4. The sale shall be subject to rules/ conditions prescribed under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The borrower, co-borrowers and the guarantors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and the balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date – 08-07-2024 Sd/-Authorized Officer,
Place – Bangalore DCB Bank Limited

EDITORIAL

"Parliament must not be told a direct untruth, but it's quite possible to allow them to mislead themselves" — Norman Tebbit

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— Ramnath Goenka

NEED PROACTIVE STEPS TO BOOST PRIVATE INVESTMENT

THE Indian economy needs the next private investment cycle to take off right now, but the hour's growing late. In a setback, latest data indicates that the value of new investment projects announced during the first quarter of the current fiscal year plunged 92% to ₹59,900 crore. According to CMIE data, in value terms, June quarter reported the lowest level of project announcements by both private and the government since September 2009, when it began collecting data. Not only is the investment sentiment low, but they are concentrated in just a few sectors. One can take comfort in the fact that the decline was partly due to general elections, which concluded only last month. That said, industries' reluctance is undeniable and though private investment is expected to pick up pace in FY25, overall investment activity is likely to depend on public investments like in the past.

This is disappointing since corporate India got everything on a platter. Be it tax cuts, production-linked incentives, ease of doing business and so on. Yet, the long-awaited capex cycle remains elusive. The government too has been nudging industries to go out and spend now that balance sheets of both borrowers and banks are clean, profitability levels are improving, and capacity utilisation touched the pre-pandemic levels of about 76%. For investors, India also remains one of the lucrative markets, but companies just don't seem to be in the mood for risk taking, perhaps because private consumption is growing in single digits. In particular, rural demand hasn't gathered the needed pace, while urban consumption, which was relatively doing better until now, has started showing signs of tiredness as was evident from the lacklustre monthly auto sales data.

In FY23, investments stood at 10.9% of GDP, lower than the 16.8% peak seen during FY08. The decline was largely from manufacturing, where the share of private capital formation in the GDP fell from 4.6% to 3.2% during FY12 and FY19. This was acknowledged by none other than Anand Mahindra, chairman of Mahindra & Mahindra, who urged the manufacturing industry to increase investments, as the share as a percentage of GDP fell to a 'worrisome level.' Investments are a key driver for economic growth and are a source of job creation. It's imperative that the government takes urgent measures to revive consumption, which will spur investments by default.

CO-ED SCHOOLS NEED MORE PUSH

FOR a change, something right is happening on the education front in Kerala with regard to gender relations. Many centuries-old schools and colleges catering exclusively to boys or girls, have now thrown open their doors to students of both genders. As many as 45 schools—both government and aided—have shifted to co-education this year. The oldest school that has turned co-ed is the Sree Moola Vilasam School in Thiruvananthapuram. The 189-year-old school created history when it opened its doors for girls to study last year. Two prestigious colleges—St Berchmans College and Assumption College in Changanassery—too joined the league of co-ed institutions. There has been an increase in the number of applicants of the opposite gender in all these institutions. The student community and the management of the educational institutions are happy with the change. And this trend is bound to continue.

The trigger for this ongoing change was the Kerala State Commission for the Protection of Child Rights' directive that schools exclusively for boys and girls should cease to exist from 2023-24 academic year. Maintaining that there is no need to teach boys and girls in separate schools in the existing social context, the order said that the best educational institutions in the word are co-ed. This move is correct in the context of the RTE Act too, which had stated that it is obligatory for the government to provide free and compulsory elementary education to each and every child in a neighbourhood school within 1 km, up to class 8 in India. The Commission's order was based on a petition in which the petitioner had argued that gender justice was denied in exclusive schools.

There are no two ways about the benefits of mixed education. The most basic and the most convincing reason for the relevance of co-ed school is that we live in a co-ed world. There have been enough and more international studies proving the benefits of co-ed schools. According to studies, mixed schools are instrumental in instilling mutual respect and ensuring gender equality. Studying in these schools will also help in removing orthodox ideas and encourage boys and girls to respect the opposite gender. Boys and girls who are comfortable with opposite genders will adjust better in the adult world too. Exclusive gendered schools are certainly an anomaly in today's world. On the other hand, co-ed schools, by nature, are more inclusive and egalitarian. They must be encouraged at all costs.

QUICK TAKE

LONG-TERM PLAN FOR ASSAM

LIKE almost every year in recent times, Assam is being devastated by a flood. At least 66 people have died and more than 5 lakh are sheltering in 577 relief camps. Floods have routinely wreaked havoc along the riverbanks of the mighty Brahmaputra. But with climate change, their frequency and ferocity have increased. The rainfall in Assam has been far above the long-term average this year. At least 18 people have died in neighbouring Meghalaya too. Given that we know this is not going to be a rare phenomenon, we must prepare much better—both on short-term relief and long-term solutions. Too much is at stake.

A recent comment has brought up an old question: who gets to decide religious identity? It's tougher to answer in a land where harmony is stressed over uniformity

A PERSISTING CONFUSION OVER IDENTITY

BALBIR PUNJ

Former chairman, Indian Institute of Mass Communications

WHILE speaking in the Lok Sabha on Monday (July 1), Rahul Gandhi said, "*Aap Hindu ho hi nahin* (You are not Hindu)." The line was directed at the BJP benches, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, his cabinet colleagues, fellow members of the House and, by extension, the millions of voters who supported the saffron outfit.

Rahul's words indicated three things—his sense of entitlement, ignorance of Indian ethos and disrespect for democratic norms.

Can Rahul or anybody else decide who is a Hindu? During the just-concluded Lok Sabha polls, 23.59 crore Indians voted for the BJP. There are likely to be millions more who support the BJP, but couldn't vote for their favourite party for various reasons. A majority of them identify themselves as Hindus. With one utterance, Rahul seemed to strip them of this identity.

Who can make such a statement? Only someone with an acute sense of entitlement. Unlike Abrahamic religions, Hinduism is timeless (hence also *sanatan*), catholic and pluralistic. There is no centralised authority in Hinduism, and none has any right to pass such edicts regarding the faith.

Identity can work differently for the Abrahamic faiths. For example, the Ahmadiyya sect in Pakistan has been 'shunned' from Islam, and its followers are routinely persecuted because their belief system differs a little from the mainline Shia-Sunni doctrines. These two sects are also perpetually locked in internecine wars because of their conflicting theological beliefs. Ironically, Ahmadiyyas were at the forefront, along with communists and the Muslim League, in striving for an independent Pakistan. Doesn't Rahul somewhat sound like a similar establishment voice when he decrees in Lok Sabha who is a Hindu and who isn't?

During his 1-hour-40-minute speech, Rahul also observed, "Those who call themselves Hindus indulge in hatred, violence and untruths 24x7." Can anyone, including Rahul, make such an acerbic statement about any other faith? Don't miss the contradiction. After suspects are identified following a terror episode anywhere in the world, the usual comment is: a terrorist has no religion.

Rahul's allegations are without basis. He can get away with it because of the immunity that members of parliament enjoy. In their history, Hindus have resorted to violence mainly to defend themselves. Hinduism is inclusive and has in its fold numerous traditions, all equally valid—ranging from devout idol worshippers to outright heretics. Anyone who cares to call oneself a Hindu is a Hindu.

MANOJ PARDIKAR

Rahul also spoke about violence and hate. Given his party's track record in this respect, can he sound so sanctimonious? While Rahul argues against the two evils, he promotes divisive narratives and allies with forces that seek to divide Indians based on caste, region and faith. Highlighting Indians' caste identity was central to his election campaign.

Hate and divisiveness, the bane of India, have been aggravated in its socio-economic and religio-cultural life in recent centuries. The use of violence or deceit is a part of a playbook while dealing with non-believers or dissent within own ranks. Uniformity, particularly in matters of faith, is central to their existence. In contrast, Indian ethos is indifferent to uniformity, it focuses only on harmony.

Who ceded a fourth of India in August 1947 to the forces of Islamic nationalism? Pakistan is not just a country; it is now a religious idea that transcends borders. Recall 1980-90, when Pakistan trained and funded terrorists with local help, and hounded Kashmiri Pandits out of their ancestral homeland. In a recent interview, the newly elected National Conference MP Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi threatened a repetition of the black decade in retaliation to the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A.

In June 2022, Kanhaiya Lal in Rajasthan and Umesh in Maharashtra were beheaded by Islamic zealots. Last week, a young couple was publicly humiliated and battered Taliban-style by a muscleman affiliated with the local ruling party in West Bengal's Uttar Dinajpur. On June 27, a Muslim woman was stripped, dragged by her hair and thrashed for over an hour by goons for supporting the BJP in West Bengal's Cooch Behar. The berating and torturing of victims such as Anees Mian-Parveen Jahan (Uttarakhand, 2022), Samina (Madhya Pradesh, 2023), and Tahira Bano (Rajasthan, 2023) don't usually figure in public discourse.

The killings of Hafizul Sheikh (West Bengal, 2024), Aijaz Ahmad Sheikh (J&K, 2024), Babar Ali (Uttar Pradesh, 2022) and Sheikh Waseem Bari (J&K, 2020) have not been highlighted as much as some others. They were all victims of hate and were guilty of a common 'crime': supporting the BJP. This list of hate crimes is indicative and not an exhaustive one.

This itinerary of hate and violence, however, doesn't seem to concern Rahul. His public utterances are shaped by the compulsions of power politics and the requirements of the ideological ecosystem he is aligned with. His narrative is solely fashioned by the political dividends he is aiming to reap. No wonder, he blames only those "who call themselves Hindus" for these twin evils.

There is a method to this madness. For decades, the Congress has been on the decline. Rahul is in a hurry to resurrect it. His options are limited. It's difficult to fault the incumbent Modi on his performance. As a shortcut to gather electoral support, Rahul is increasingly leaning on identity politics and aligning, knowingly or unknowingly, with the forces of neo-colonialism.

Rahul won Wayanad with the Indian Union Muslim League's support—a post-independence reincarnation of the Mohamed Ali Jinnah-led Muslim League. Muhammad Ismail set up the IUML after independence. Prior to 1947, he was president of the Madras unit of Jinnah's Muslim League. The League has changed its signboard, but has it changed its agenda?

Rahul is trying to run with the hare and hunt with the hounds. He can't carry on with this contradiction for long. Shorn of hyperbole and embellishments, Rahul's first speech in the newly constituted Lok Sabha was poor on facts and high on toxins.

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THE HISTORY OF THE 'HIJRI' LUNAR CALENDAR

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

THE evening of July 6 to the morning of July 7 was the dawn of Hijrah, the Islamic New Year. It was the first day of the Islamic lunar month of Muharram. The era begins with the journey of Prophet Mohammed and his followers from Mecca to Medina in 622 CE, where he established the first Muslim community. It is said 'Hijrah does not signify merely a journey between two cities but the movement of the caravan of history'.

Umar I, the second Sunni caliph, instituted the Islamic calendar in 639 CE as an attempt to standardise and organise Muslim life and traditions. There is an Islamic account of how it came about.

Umar is reported to have said to assembled dignitaries among the men around the Prophet: "Our income is considerable. But what we have distributed has been without fixed dates. How can we remedy that?"

An answer came from a man called Al-Hurmuzan. He was the king of a place in Iran called Ahvaz. After his capture during the Arab conquest of Persia, he was brought to Umar and became a Muslim. He said, "The Persians have a method of calculation that they call *mahroz*, which they ascribe to their Sassanid rulers". The word *mahroz* was Arabicised as *mu'arrakh*, and the infinitive *ta'rikh* was formed from it (*tarikh* today is used in Urdu to mean both 'calendar date' and 'history'). Al-Hurmuzan then explained how to use it. Umar reportedly said: "Give the people an era which they can use in business and which permits them an exact indication of the date in their mutual dealings."

However, there was an objection that the Persian era had no fixed starting year and always began anew with the ascension of each new king. An agreement was reached to start the Muslim era with the Hijrah of the Prophet from Mecca to Medina.

The Hijrah took place on a Tuesday. According to calculations, it was the first day of the month of Muharram. The Caliph approved of this date and reportedly said, "Al-Muharram is the month of God. It is the beginning of the year. It will be used as the beginning of the era. In al-Muharram, the Kaaba is clothed, and money is coined. There is a day in al-Muharram on which repenting sinners are forgiven."

The twelve months of the Islamic lunar calendar are Muharram, Safar, Rabi al-Awwal, Rabi al-Thani, Jumada al-Ula, Jumada al-Akhirah, Rajab, Shaban, Ramadan, Shawwal, Dhu al-Qada and Dhu al-Hijjah. Each of these lasts from the first sighting of one crescent moon to the first sighting of the next, approximately twenty-nine or thirty days. Though Muslim majority countries follow the solar Gregorian calendar, the lunar calendar is used to calculate the dates of religious feasts and important rituals such as the Haj pilgrimage. Because the Hijri calendar relies on the movements of the moon, the Muslim calendar has just 354 or 355 days, making it about 11 days shorter than the Gregorian calendar. Back then, among the warring Arab tribes, the months of Rajab, Dhu al-Qada, Dhu al-Hijjah, and Muharram were regarded as holy months of peace. In Arabic, the word *muharram* means forbidden, indicating the month's meaning. The *Quran* forbids warfare or fighting during Muharram and the three other holy months. Muslims around the world reportedly commemorate Muharram with prayer.

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The *Quran* speaks of the calendar thus: "He it is who appointed the sun a splendour and the moon a light and measured for her stages, that ye might know the number of the years, and the reckoning," (X:5) and "Lo! the number of the months with Allah is twelve months by Allah's ordinance on the day that He created the heavens and the earth," (IX:36).

However, Islam's two largest sects observe the first month of the year differently. These differences go back to the martyrdom of the Prophet's grandson, Husain Ibn Ali al-Hussein, aka Imam Husain, during the battle of Karbala in 680 CE. This marks the schism between Shia and Sunni Muslims since Shias adhere to the Prophet's son-in-law Hazrat Ali and Imam Husain as his true successors, not the Sunni Caliphs. There is a famous saying attributed to the Prophet when at the pond of Khum: '*Man kunto maula fa haza Ali un maula*', meaning 'Whoever calls me master, Ali is his master, too'. This is widely sung in Sufiyana and you can hear it on YouTube.

As Muharram begins, Shia Muslims observe ten days of mourning, culminating in Ashura to mourn the death of Imam Husain. This year, Ashura occurs on July 17. Some Shia Muslims conduct mourning marches that day. I have seen their beautiful *tazia* (portable pavilions) and *alam* (flags) carried in procession. At a big Shia *majlis* I attended in Delhi, a banner proclaimed 'Live like Ali, die like Husain'. As the sorrowful poems describing the martyrdom—*shaam-e-gharibaan*—were recited, the audience sobbed aloud. It was an intense, moving experience.

Other Shias, particularly young men, commit self-flagellation using their whips and chains as a way of recalling Imam Husain's suffering. Though some Muslim scholars believe this practice is permissible, others object to it. Some Sunni Muslims observe Ashura with fasting and prayer, but in honour of a fast undertaken by the Prophet in Medina after he emigrated. However, there is apparently no agreement among Sunni scholars as to whether Ashura fasting is permissible or not.

Muharram is also the time for special food, which includes saffron rice in Iran and *doodh ka sharbat*, a milky drink prepared in Hyderabad in memory of the thirst felt by Imam Husain and his followers during the fatal battle.

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Misguided opinions

Ref: *Time for maximum Modi, minimum govt* (Jul 7). Ever since the BJP got 240 seats in the general elections, anti-BJP heads have once again risen. Rahul Gandhi in particular seems much like a misguided school boy.
Rajaram Bhat, Mysuru

Country's progress

I agree with the author's observation that a country's progress can't be measured in terms of its escalating share market indices alone. Of what use is the raised index if bridges, roads, airport roofs and waterways are collapsing one after the other, making life impossible in various cities?
G Nataraja Perumal, Belagavi

Budget hopes

Ref: *FM to present full yr budget on July 23* (Jul 7). The ensuing budget presentation by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has to take into account several important issues still hanging out such as the uncontrolled price rise and the severe unemployment. The standard deduction limit has to be raised to ₹1 lakh and the tax slab itself should commence from ₹5 lakhs so as to enable taxpayers to meet the rising costs of survival.
Katuru Durga Prasad Rao, Hyderabad

Objective fulfilled

Ref: *Ayodhya win defeats Advani's temple movement, says Rahul* (Jul 7). One can't agree with Rahul Gandhi when he makes statements like this. The temple movement spearheaded by L K Advani has ensured its objectives were fulfilled with the construction of the Ram mandir. As such, the BJP's defeat in Ayodhya cannot be seen as the defeat of the movement.
Sudhakar Cherukunnu, Kannur

Shocking defeat

While cricket lovers in India are still rejoicing India's World Cup victory, it is shocking to see the strong young Indian team led by Shubman Gill play a rather poor game against Zimbabwe and lose by 13 runs. It is sad that the team with a strong batting lineup could not chase a moderate total of 115 runs set by Zimbabwe.
K S Aswathanarayana, Bengaluru

Insincere investigation

The lip service offered by the absconding Bhole Baba, who expressed grief over the Hathras stampede, counts for nothing as it can neither resurrect the dead nor provide solace to their grieving kin. The police hunting for the Baba are obviously not sincere in their efforts and the biggest drawback is that the Baba has not been named in the FIR. This means the police are not suspecting that he had a role in the tragedy, which is a travesty of justice.
C V Aravind, Bengaluru

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Mallikarjun Kharge @kharge
How can China build a military base near Pangong Tso, on a land which was under Indian occupation, until May 2020?

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
I have heard that crores of rupees have been spent in the name of modernization of stations. This year the rain has badly washed away BJP govt.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi
The news of the death of people due to floods in Assam is very sad. Due to the deteriorating situation, people are living in relief camps. I request the state and Centre to provide help to the people.

6 terrorists, two soldiers killed in J&K encounters

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

Security personnel stand guard during an encounter with terrorists in Kulgam

THE death toll in the twin gunfights between security forces and militants in Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam district, which entered the second day on Sunday, has risen to eight with the recovery of two more bodies of militants from the encounter sites.

Two soldiers, including an elite para commando, were also killed in the encounters. Director General of Police (DGP) R R Swain told reporters, "Six militants have been killed in the twin gunfights in Kulgam so far." While four bodies of militants were sighted in one of the encounter sites on Saturday, two more were spotted on Friday.

The encounters had erupted at two places in Kulgam --- Modergam village and Frisal, Chinnigam --- after security men came under fire from hiding militants during search operations at both the places.

Two Army jawans, identified as elite para commando Lance Naik Pardeep Kumar and Sepoy Pravin Janjal Prabhakar, were also killed in the gunfights.

Sources said security forces have information that slain militants and the militants trapped in the two encounters are affiliated to Hizbul Mujahideen. Asked about the identity of the slain militants, the DGP said the two operations are still underway. "When the operations end, we can talk with clarity about identities and affiliation of slain terrorists".

BSF deploys AI cameras for vigil on Bangla borders

Special ops launched to dismantle network of smugglers, infiltrators

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

The BSF has acquired AI-enabled cameras and deployed them along the frontiers with Bangladesh to prevent infiltration, crimes and other illegal activities

IN a bid to step up tech-driven surveillance along the borders under its command, the Border Security Force has acquired Artificial Intelligence (AI) enabled cameras and deployed them along the frontiers with Bangladesh to prevent infiltration, crimes and other illegal activities, officials said on Sunday.

A senior BSF official said the tech-driven surveillance along the borders is over-and-above already beefed-up manpower deployment at the sensitive border outposts. Special operations have been launched to track and dismantle the network of touts and smugglers in the bordering areas.

He said, "The BSF has a policy of zero-tolerance against all such activities and field commanders have been briefed to launch intelligence-based operations with the help of cutting- edge technology to nab culprits." The Tripura and Meghalaya governments have been asking the BSF to step up vigil along the India-Bangladesh border to curb infiltration.

Officials said that gaps in border fencing are being plugged using improvised methods using new technologies.

On the utility of AI-enabled cameras, a senior official said, "It is a camera system that integrates AI technologies to improve performance. By leveraging machine learning algorithms, computer vision, and other AI techniques, these cameras can recognise and process visual information within a scene with features such as object and scene recognition."

However, the officials said, to ensure that borders become infiltration-free, special focus is being given to joint operations with state police and other security agencies.

The BSF has so far seized contraband worth Rs 29 crore and 198 Bangladeshi nationals and 12 Rohingyas apprehended, the officials said. Narcotics and psychotropic drugs amounting to Rs 32 crore have also been seized this year along the borders in Tripura.

POWER GAMES

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New Cabinet Secretary

RAJ KUMAR, SOMANATHAN, KRISHNAN LEAD THE RACE

The Union government may soon appoint a new Cabinet Secretary to take over from the incumbent Rajiv Gauba, who is due to complete his extended term next month. Sources said there are three clear frontrunners for the post. The names of Finance Secretary T V Somanathan and MEITY Secretary S Krishnan have been doing the rounds for some time. But a new contender has entered the race, who many say could prove to be the dark horse. This new entrant in the race to be the next Cabinet Secretary is Gujarat Chief Secretary Raj Kumar, who has worked with Prime Minister's Principal Secretary P K Mishra and is known to be close to the regime. Somanathan has also worked in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's PMO and is widely appreciated for his sagacity. The Delhi-educated Krishnan, with his command over Hindi, a much valued quality in this regime, and an impeccable career record comes from Rajiv Gauba mould of being in demand by all. The race for the top bureaucratic job of the country is getting interesting by the day.

Modi-Putin Meet

PM'S NAVAL ENTOURAGE SIGNALS NEW DELIVERY

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to visit Russia on July 8-9 for a bilateral summit with President Vladimir Putin. The two leaders will discuss many business, finance and defence-related issues. According to sources, the Prime Minister will be accompanied by a large delegation from the Indian Navy comprising over two hundred personnel. The naval delegation is likely to visit Krasnodar, which is home to Russian Navy's Black Sea Fleet and has one of the largest ports of the country - Novorossiysk. Sources said India is likely to take delivery of one of the two Russia-made warships, which is part of a four-warship deal signed in the year 2018. Two ships are being built in Russia and two in India with Russian support. Besides the naval delegation, the Prime Minister is also accompanied by the chairman of ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL). The company has to settle a pending payment issue with its longstanding Russian partner Rosneft. The two companies had joined hands in 2001 when OVL acquired 20% stake in Russia's Sakhalin-1 oil and gas project. The company hopes to find ways to settle the account which has faced trouble due to US sanctions.

Jharkhand Switchover

CONG SUPPORT FOR HEMANT NIXED CHAMPAI REVOLT

The return of Hemant Soren as chief minister of Jharkhand after his release from jail on bail was not a smooth affair. JMM veteran Champai Soren was not keen to vacate the chief minister's post. He told people close to him that it was after a long struggle in life that he reached this position. He even hinted at revolting against the party if he was pushed out of the chief ministerial chair. He said if he were removed, he would go to Jamshedpur, talk to his family, and start a new chapter in life. A revolt appeared imminent. But the JMM's coalition partner, Congress' unequivocal support for the return of Hemant Soren as the chief minister took the wind out of Champai's sail. The Congress leadership said the people's mandate was for Hemant and the party supports his return. Congress leaders also spoke to MLAs considered close to Champai and advised them against rocking the boat on the eve of the state election. Hemant himself reached out to Champai to placate him. The opposition BJP tried to fish in troubled waters. But the strong relation between Congress and Hemant saved the day for the latter.

113 new medical colleges get govt panel's approval; 22 in UP, 5 in TN

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

AS many as 113 new medical colleges have received approval from the National Medical Commission (NMC), with maximum in Uttar Pradesh, officials said.

UP has got a nod for establishing 22 new medical colleges, followed by Maharashtra with 14, Rajasthan (12), Telangana (11), West Bengal (8), Madhya Pradesh (7), Andhra Pradesh (7), Karnataka (5) and Tamil Nadu (5) and Kerala (2).

Uttarakhand will get three new medical colleges each. Odisha and Gujarat will get two medical colleges each. Haryana, Delhi, Assam, Punjab, Sikkim and Tripura got approval for setting up one medical college each.

In a public notice dated July 6, the NMC Medical Assessment and Rating Board (MARB) said that the final decisions of MARB concerning 113 applications have been communicated to medical institutions/colleges. "A list containing the application number of each of the 113 applications above is attached with this public notice for general information," said the notice issued by J L Meena, a member of MARB.

No medical college or institution can be established, or new medical courses or courses can be started unless MARB grants permission in writing in response to an application submitted in this regard, as per the NMC regulations.

The NMC has made some changes to the establishment of medical colleges. Now, medical colleges can start with only 50 seats if they have a functional hospital and faculties in all the clinical departments. Hospitals should have at least a capacity of 200 beds and 20 ICU beds. NMC aims to set up new medical colleges in every district of the country.

There are 706 medical colleges in the country. With the approval of new medical colleges, the number has crossed 800. While 50 are government medical colleges, the rest are private or deemed medical colleges.

The number of seats for an undergraduate course (MBBS) has also increased by almost 110 per cent. In 2013-14, the number of seats was 51,348. In 2023-24, it went up to 1,08,990. The number of postgraduate seats rose almost 118 per cent from 31,185 in 2013-14 to 68,073 in 2023-24.

MARB permit a must

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Delhi cops book Mahua for 'crude' social media remark on NCW chief

UJWAL JALALI @ New Delhi

THE Special Cell of the Delhi Police has registered a case against TMC MP Mahua Moitra for allegedly posting an objectionable post on social media platform 'X' against National Commission of Women (NCW) chief Rekha Sharma.

According to a senior Delhi Police officer, the case was registered under section 79 (word, gesture or act intended to insult modesty of a woman) of the newly implemented Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita act.

"We received a complaint from the NCW alleging that a purported repost of a tweet by Moitra has committed an offence under section 79 of the BNS. After preliminary examination of its content, a case was registered at Special Cell police station," the officer said.

The TMC leader commented on a video posted on X that showed Sharma arriving at the site of a stampede in Uttar Pradesh's Hathras on July 4. Moitra later deleted the post, which referred to a man holding an umbrella and walking behind the NCW chief.

Quoting that post, a social media user asked as to why the NCW chief could not carry her own umbrella. In response, Moitra said, "She is too busy holding up her boss's pajamas." The post was deleted.

The NCW, taking congnizance of the alleged "crude comments", had on July 5 filed a complaint with the Delhi Police and also sent a letter to the Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla which stated that Moitra's remarks were condemnable and unbecoming of the stature of a Member of Parliament.

In another post, Moitra shared several screenshots of posts made by Sharma and said an FIR should also be lodged against those posts.

MHA initiates action against Kolkata cops

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has initiated disciplinary action against Kolkata Police Commissioner Vineet Goyal and a DCP for allegedly maligning the office of the West Bengal Governor, a central government official said on Sunday.

The MHA action came after Governor **CV Ananda Bose** submitted a report to it with regard to Goyal and Kolkata DCP (central) Indira Mukherjee. In the report it is alleged that they were "functioning in a manner which is completely unbecoming of a public servant", the official said.

"The MHA has initiated disciplinary action against IPS officers based on Bose's report," the official said, adding that the copies of the letter were sent to the state government on July 4. The Governor also accused other police officers, posted at the Raj Bhavan, of promoting and encouraging concocted allegations by a woman employee during April-May 2024, the official said.

Exposure to extreme heat during pregnancy can lead to lifelong ailments: Report

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

EXPOSURE to extreme heat during pregnancy can lead to lifelong physical and neurological disorders in affected children, said the Lancet.

Individual-level and community-level adaptation interventions, which involve pregnant people as active decision makers, can be implemented to address the challenges posed by extreme heat, said the report in The Lancet Planetary Health.

It suggested that these interventions can be home-based and low-cost, making them sustainable and accessible. These include health education sessions that educate pregnant women on coping strategies for heat such as cold potable water, ice towels, cooling fans, use of window blinds and reflective curtains, among others.

The article added that pregnant women can be encouraged to wear loose-fitting, full-sleeved cotton clothing, which will shield them and their foetuses from direct heat exposure while facilitating efficient heat dissipation through increased air permeability and airflow across the skin's surface.

Dr. Sushma Ravindran, Consultant Obstetrician, Women's Center by Motherhood Hospital, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, said they have observed a concerning rise in pregnant women presenting with dehydration. She said extreme heat poses significant risks in pregnancy as heat exhaustion and heatstroke can lead to dizziness, fatigue, nausea and serious complications.

"This is likely due to the increased fluid needs during pregnancy and the exacerbating effect of hot weather on fluid loss," she said.

"We advise pregnant women living in excessively hot areas to stay in air-conditioned spaces, limit outdoor activities, stay hydrated and wear loose clothes. Monitoring symptoms and seeking medical attention promptly are crucial. By taking these proactive measures, they can minimise risks and prioritise their health," she added.

Plea in SC to seize electoral bond funds

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

A plea has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking a direction for the confiscation of the money received by political parties under the electoral bonds scheme (EBS), as the same was struck down by the same court in February.

Filed by petitioner Khem Singh Bhati, the plea said that on February 15, the apex court struck down the electoral bonds scheme as it was violative of Articles 14 and 19 of the Constitution.

The petitioner sought a direction for constituting a committee headed by a former judge of the apex court to investigate the alleged "illegal benefits" conferred on the donors by public authorities.

As per the plea, the court further directed the State Bank of India (SBI) to stop the issuance of electoral bonds from the date of the judgment and to disclose the details of the bonds purchased since April 12, 2019, till the date of the judgment.

Gaganyaan: Astronauts to rely on parachute made by ordnance unit

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

INDIA'S maiden human space mission Gaganyaan will be using indigenously manufactured special "drouge parachute" to bring the crew safely back to earth.

"The parachutes are being manufactured by the Ordnance Equipment Factory, Hazratpur. A dozen sets of the parachutes have been handed over to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)," said a source.

Of the total 28 sets, 16 will be handed over by August this year, added the source. The parachute set is a space recovery system. The ambitious Gaganyaan project envisages the demonstration of indigenous human spaceflight capability in which a 3-member crew will be launched into an orbit of 400 km for a 3-day mission. The crew will land safely on Earth in Indian seawater.

Each set of these parachutes comprises four different types and are crucial for safely transporting astronauts to and from space by reducing velocity during re-entry.

One essential aspect of this mission is the use of drouge parachutes, "which play a pivotal role in stabilizing the module and reducing the velocity during re-entry."

These parachutes are made of a special fabric that includes Nylon 66 with an ignition temperature of 250 degrees Celsius. The rigging lines, chords and tapes are also special with their melting point at 427 degree C.

Explaining the mechanism and impact of the parachutes once deployed, a source said, "It is a bunch of 10 parachutes and will be set in action as the capsule containing the crew reaches an altitude of 7 km from the earth."

"Two Apex Cover Separation (ACS) parachutes will pull the cap off and set the two drouge parachutes to open, arresting the free fall and decelerating the fall up to 190 meter per second."

It will bring the capsule up to 4.5 km. And, then a set of three pilot parachutes takes charge which act as the trigger for opening the main canopies which are three in number, thus bringing the descent speed to 10/12 metre per second.

Keeping such complex and specialized functioning, these parachutes are termed a recovery system which will bring the capsule carrying the crew to zero impact in atmospheric conditions, said the source.

NAXAL

Police have arrested five Naxalites and recovered explosives, including two barrel grenade launcher shells and a tiffin bomb, from them in Chhattisgarh's Sukma district, an official said on Sunday.

2 HELD WITH RS 8.6 LAKH DRUGS IN THANE

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	29	27	Mumbai	30	27
Bhopal	28	23	Panaji	32	28
Jaipur	28	26	Patna	28	26
Amritsar	34	26	Lucknow	29	26
Chennai	34	27	Port Blair	28	26
Kolkata	31	28	Imphal	28	23
Srinagar	28	18	Chandigarh	31	26

■ 13 NDRF teams deployed in Mumbai, many districts to rescue stranded villagers ■ Water levels in rivers rapidly rise in several places

Maha rains: 49 rescued, train traffic affected

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

AT least 49 people were rescued on Sunday from a waterlogged Thane resort in Maharashtra being lashed by heavy rains.

According to the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), their team with boats and life jackets rescued the people who were stranded at the resort due to flooding in the Shahpur area of Thane district on Sunday. In another rescue operation, 16 villagers were rescued by the NDRF and firefighters in Palghar district of Maharashtra.

A group of villagers from Chalispada of Saiwan in Vasai, who were working on their farms, got stranded when the area was flooded after water levels rose in the nearby Tansa Lake. The catchment area that supplies drinking water to Mumbai received very heavy rains on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

In another location in Thane district, the NDRF and local firefighters were mobilised in the afternoon, and 16 people were brought to safety.

As part of the monsoon preparedness, NDRF teams are deployed in parts of Mumbai, Thane and Palghar districts, an NDRF official said.

There are 13 teams with around 32 personnel each in different parts of the state, including Mumbai, Thane, Palghar, Satara, Sangli and Kolhapur. After the heavy downpour, local and long-distance train services passing through Thane district have been suspended. The officials said local train services between Kasara and Titwala stations in Maharashtra's Thane district adjoining Mumbai were suspended on Sunday morning following heavy rains in Mumbai.

According to the officials, soil came on tracks between Atgaon and Thansit stations due to heavy rains and a fallen tree blocked tracks near Vasind station, disrupting rail traffic on the busy Kalyan-Kasara route.

Nepal downpour triggers scare in Bihar

RAMASHANKAR @Patna

TWO major rivers of Bihar-Gandak and Kosi – are in spate following incessant rain in neighbouring Nepal as the water level of other rivers too are expected to rise.

With heavy showers lashing the Tarai region of Nepal besides the catchment areas of north Bihar's rivers, the rivers including Bagmati, Adhwara group of rivers and Mahananda rivers are also in high spate. These rivers are likely to cross the danger level at various places during the next 24 to 72 hours, threatening to inundate villages in Sheohar, Sitamarhi, Gopalganj, Purnia and Katihar districts. Similarly, Kosi is also likely to cross danger level in Supaul and Saharsa districts.

Meanwhile, state water resources minister Vijay Kumar Choudhary said that the water level of both Gandak and Kosi rivers started receding from Sunday noon onwards.

Since the possibility of breach in the embankments increases when the level of rivers start receding, round the clock monitoring is being maintained. The minister said that engineer-in-chief and chief engineer are camping in these affected areas.

Meanwhile, over 60 agricultural workers who were stranded on the other side of the Gandak on Saturday evening, were rescued by the personnel of state disaster response force (SDRF) on Sunday. They were brought to Narayanpur Ghat safely by SDDRF personnel.

Flood water entered the Bairagi and Sonbarsa Panchayat areas in West Champaran district as well as authorities are advising people to move to safer locations. Superintendent Engineer of Valmiki Nagar Nawal Kishore Bharti said that the department had released 4.28 lakh cusecs of water from the Valmiki Nagar Gandak Barrage. All 36 gates of the barrage were opened to manage the water pressure, he added. The water resources department and district authorities are on high alert in the wake of rise in water level.

Amid warning, Char Dham yatra halted for two days

NARENDRA SETHI @Dehradun

GRAPPLING with incessant rains over the past four days, the Uttarakhand government has suspended the Char Dham Yatra for two days following the Meteorological Department's warning. The Met Department has issued a fresh alert for the next 36 hours, predicting heavy rains and landslides. Residents have been advised to stay indoors and avoid travel.

According to the Disaster Management Office, the driver of a car heading from Karnaprayag towards Adibadri lost control near Chandpur Gadhi due to poor road conditions. The vehicle fell into a gorge, killing two women. Three others were injured in the incident.

Meanwhile, three bridges in the state have collapsed due to the massive water flow.

According to information from the Disaster Management Office, a total of 142 roads were blocked across the state on Saturday, leaving commuters stranded for hours. Dr. Bikram Singh, director of the Meteorological Center Dehradun told this newspaper that a high alert has been sounded for heavy rain in Nainital, Udham Singh Nagar, Champawat, Pithoragarh, and Almora.

Flood toll mounts in Assam, Himanta visits relief camps

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Guwahati

EIGHT persons died in the floods in Assam on Sunday which took the death toll to 66. The deaths occurred in Cachar (1), Dhubri (2), Goalpara (1), Nalbari (2), Dhemaji (1) and Sivasagar (1) districts. According to Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), 28 of the state's 35 districts are still in the grip of the floods which affected 22,74,289 people in 3,446 villages.

Cropland affected was in areas of over 68,432.75 hectares. The floods damaged roads, bridges and river embankments in several districts.

The authorities set up 269 relief camps where 53,689 of the marooned were taking shelter. The ASDMA said 10 rivers – Brahmaputra, Burhidihing, Dikhou, Disang, Dhansiri, Kopili, Beki, Sankosh, Barak and Kushiyara – were in a spate, flowing above the danger level.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma visited Palashbari in Kamrup district on Sunday and took stock of the situation. He also visited some relief camps and interacted with the inmates.

Sarma told the inmates that the government would take steps to repair or rebuild their houses which were either damaged or washed away by floodwaters.

INFRA COLLAPSE

Bihar loses 11th bridge in 18 days amid rising investigation chorus

RAMASHANKAR @Patna

BIHAR on Sunday witnessed the collapse of yet another bridge in East Champaran district apparently due to heavy rainfall, taking the number of bridge collapse incidents in the state to 11 in a span of 18 days.

The collapsed small bridge was constructed at Lohargama village under Madhuban block in East Champaran district about four years ago. This is the second such incident in the district. On June 22, a bridge constructed at a cost of ~1.69 crore near Amwa village under Ghodasahan block had crashed.

Reacting to the incidents, Congress leader Rajesh Rathod said, "Only probe by a judicial commission can unravel the mystery behind the collapse of a series of bridges and culverts across the state within a fortnight. Prime facie, it appeared to be a fall of a nexus between bureaucrats, engineers and contractors."

Rathod wrote to Chief Minister Nitish Kumar urging him to order a judicial probe into the collapse of the bridges and culverts, which brought ignominy to the state.

In Saran and Siwan districts alone, six bridges collapsed and that too within a week. He claimed that altogether 13 bridges and culverts have collapsed across the state since June 18.

He also stressed the need to examine the quality of bridges and culverts constructed in the state in the last 15 years.

Cops register criminal case against 3 in Surat building collapse; toll 7

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @Ahmedabad

THE death toll in the collapse of a six-storey building in Gujarat's Surat city has climbed to seven with the recovery of six more bodies overnight, police said on Sunday.

The residential building, which was in a dilapidated condition, collapsed on Saturday afternoon. A woman was rescued shortly after the incident, and a man's body was discovered later in the night, a police official said.

"Seven bodies were recovered from the rubble during the overnight operation," the official said. Surat ACP Nirav Gohil said, "During the 17-hour rescue operation, one woman was found alive and has been admitted to the Civil Hospital. A total of seven bodies were recovered from the debris."

Gohil said police have registered a criminal case against three people under sections of BNS. "The accused are Raj Kakadia, Ramila Kakadia, and Ashwin Vekaria. Preliminary findings suggest that these three collaborated in committing the crime. Ashwin Vekaria has been apprehended. The other two accused are absconding," he added.

3 die in J'khand house crash

At least three persons were killed and four others hurt after a three-storey building collapsed in Jharkhand's Deoghar on Sunday. DC Vishal Sagar said 11 people were trapped under the rubble.

BSF looks for 2 women constables, MP police team joins search efforts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhopal

TWO female constables of the Border Security Force (BSF) posted at the central paramilitary force's subsidiary training centre in Tekanpur (Gwalior) are missing since June 6.

The BSF administration has lodged a missing persons report about the two missing constables Akanksha Nikhar and Shahana Khatoon with the local police.

On the other hand, Akanksha's mother Urmila has lodged an FIR at Gwalior's Bilaua police station against Shahana and family members in Murshidabad (West Bengal), accusing them of kidnapping her daughter, whose life might be in danger.

A multi-agency probe is presently underway to track the two missing constables, whose cell-phones were active in Delhi, and West Bengal's Howrah and Berhampur between June 7 and 8.

While the BSF is believed to have alerted its units in West Bengal about the missing constable duo, the Gwalior district police superintendent Dharmvir Singh has constituted a special investigation team (SIT) in the matter.

"While the BSF administration here has lodged a missing persons report with us, the mother of one of the missing constables has lodged an FIR at Bilaua police station, alleging that the other missing constable and her kin have kidnapped her daughter, whose life might be in danger. We've formed an SIT. We sent a police team a few days back to Murshidabad (Shahana Khatoon's hometown), but failed to locate the duo. Another team has been sent to Bengal again to work in the case," SP-Gwalior Dharmvir Singh said.

C'garh to provide primary edu in 18 regional dialects in tribal areas

EJAZ KAISER @Raipur

THE Chhattisgarh government has undertaken a decisive plan to provide quality primary education in 18 regional dialects across the tribal regions of the state, including the remotely located areas. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai has directed the school education department to develop and distribute bilingual quality books in 18 regional dialects in the tribal belt and scheduled areas.

"The decision will bridge the educational gap and enable every child regardless of geographical terrain or language background to access quality education. It will also curb dropout rates in schools, especially in areas where local language is seen as marginalised", said the CM while interacting with the students and teachers in the tribal dominated Bagiya village of Jashpur district where 'Sadari' regional language has been introduced for primary education as part of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

In the first phase, the books in Chhattisgarhi, Sargujiha, Halbi, Sadari, Gondi and Kudukh dialects will be distributed in areas where such reg ional languages are spoken. The literacy rate in Chhattisgarh at 70.28% remains below the national figure that stands at over 76% and the education scenario in the tribal areas often remains a matter of concern.

The state government is giving thrust towards implementation of the NEP 2020 particularly in the tribal areas. The intended plan is to make education more inclusive and accessible to children in their native languages. There will also be efforts to keep the children's mother tongue as the conversational language between the students and teachers.

"The state's vision besides encouraging multilingualism will also safeguard the perceived endangered languages of tribals and give a boost to children's creativity and acquiring quality education", said a senior officer.

Educational initiative

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Soren seeks trust vote today with MLA wife backing him in House

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

JMM leader Hemant Soren, who was sworn in the 13th CM of Jharkhand on Thursday, will face the floor test on Monday. Immediately after winning the floor test, Hemant will form the Cabinet, party sources said.

Hemant's wife Kalpana Soren, who was recently elected as an MLA from Gandey, will take part in the Assembly proceedings of the during the trust vote. "It is for the first time in the history of Jharkhand that a husband and wife will take part together in the House proceedings," said political analyst Jitendra Kumar.

"Not only the elder son and daughter-in-law of Shibu Soren, but his younger son Basant Soren, who is a legislator from Dumka, will also be present in the House," he added. According to sources, most of the ministers in Champai Soren Cabinet will be repeated in Hemant Cabinet and JMM MLA from Latehar Baidyanath Ram may get an entry as the 12th minister after a gap of nine years. There are fewer possibilities of any change in the ministers from JMM and RJD quota, but a few new faces are likely to be inducted in the Cabinet from Congress quota, the sources said.

Congress MLA from Jamtara Irfan Ansari may be inducted into the Cabinet to replace Alamgir Alam, who is in jail after being arrested by ED in a money laundering case linked to tender scam.

Cabinet expansion in MP

After around seven months in office, Madhya Pradesh chief minister Dr Mohan Yadav will go for a mini-expansion of his council of ministers on Monday. The cabinet expansion which will happen at the Raj Bhawan in Bhopal at 9 am will see six-time Congress MLA Ramniwas Rawat take oath

JAIPUR DIARY

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Kirori Lal Meena takes responsibility for defeat

Senior BJP leader Kirori Lal Meena, who resigned from his ministerial post, taking responsibility for the BJP's defeat in the Lok Sabha elections, has caused a stir in Rajasthan politics. With by-elections for five assembly seats looming, Meena's resignation is expected to impact the BJP's electoral strategy. According to sources, two options have been presented to Meena. The first option is to remain in his ministerial post until a cabinet reshuffle, after which he would be relieved of his duties. The second option involves appointing him as a governor, as the tenure of some governors is ending this month.

BJP makes new appointments

The BJP government in the state has made some new appointments. Governor Kalraj Mishra just dropped a bombshell, appointing former DGP ML Lathar as the Chief Information Commissioner. Lathar, who was already working as an Information Commissioner since January 2023, got the nod after impressing leaders during his tenure. Former IAS officers Suresh Chand Gupta, Mahendra Kumar Parikh, and Tikaram Sharma have also landed cushy posts as Information Commissioners. Insiders say these moves are strategic – Lathar's appointment might be a ploy to woo the Jat community.

Govt hospital to provide meal to families at ₹1

Families of patients at Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital will soon get nutritious meals for just ₹1, thanks to the Jawahar Foundation and Swabhiman Trust. Devnani, the local MLA, has ordered the hospital to set up a help desk for patient information and guidance, and to prepare for seasonal diseases. He's also instructed them to open a dining hall where these affordable meals will be served. Devnani has urged the administration to arrange accommodation and water for patients and their families. This move, alongside the state's Annapurna Rasoi providing full meals for ₹8, shows Devnani's commitment to his constituency.

10 dead

Seniors living in a small Uruguayan nursing home died on Sunday after fire broke out at the facility

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	34	24	SNY	Los Angeles	30	18	SNY
Colombo	30	27	LR	Melbourne	12	10	LR
Dhaka	33	28	SNY	Moscow	28	17	SNY
Dubai	39	35	SNY	New York	32	24	SNY
Houston	27	25	LR	Singapore	30	27	LR
Istanbul	31	24	SNY	Toronto	27	20	SNY
London	19	15	LR	Washington	32	18	SNY

Pollsters see French left dashing far right's hopes

PARIS

A loose alliance of French left-wing parties thrown together for snap elections was on course Sunday to become the biggest parliamentary bloc and beat the far right, according to shock projected results.

The New Popular Front (NFP) was formed last month after President Emmanuel Macron called snap elections, bringing together socialists, greens, communists and the hard-left into one camp.

Veteran presidential candidate Marine Le Pen's National Rally (RN) led the race after the June 30 first round, with opinion polls predicting that she would lead the biggest party in Parliament after Sunday's run-off. But projections based on vote samples by four major polling agencies, showed no group on course for an absolute majority, and the left-wing NFP ahead of both Macron's centrist Ensemble and Le Pen's eurosceptic, anti-immigration RN.

The left-wing group was predicted to take between 172 and 215 seats, the president's alliance on 150 to 180 and the National Rally – which had hoped for an absolute majority – in a surprise third place on 115 to 155 seats.

This marks a new high water mark for the far right, but falls well short of a victory that would have been a rebuke for Macron, who called the snap election in what he said was bid to halt France's slide towards the political extremes.

Hard-left France Unbowed leader Jean-Luc Melenchon, giving his first reaction, called on French Prime Minister Gabriel Attal to resign and said the left-wing coalition was ready to govern.

Macron will attend next week's landmark NATO summit in Washington a diminished but not defeated figure and France has been left without a stable ruling majority less than three weeks before Paris hosts the Olympics.

The election campaign, the shortest in French history, has been marked by a febrile national mood, threats and violence – including racist abuse – against dozens of candidates and canvassers.

Some 30,000 police have been deployed to keep order, and many voters expressed fears that rioting could erupt in some cities after the results were announced. Turnout was nevertheless high, with left-wing and centrist candidates urging supporters to defend democratic values and the rule of law – while the far right scented a chance to upend the established order. By 5 pm, some 61.4% of voters had turned out – the most at this stage of a legislative race since 1981. *AFP*

French Prime Minister Gabriel Attal leaves the polling booth before voting for the second round of the legislative election on Sunday in Vanves, outside Paris | AP

ASIA MATTERS

MAJOR FIRE BREAKS OUT AT CHINATOWN

A major fire broke out in Bangkok's Chinatown on July 6, injuring two firefighters, and at least 30 people were affected by the fumes. Firefighters and rescue teams from 11 stations, and more than 30 fire engines were deployed. It took three hours to bring the blaze under control. The fire broke out in a narrow alley that had only one hydrant, making it difficult for the firefighting team to access water. Firefighters had to coordinate with nearby disaster relief units to help contain the fire, *The Straits Times* reported. A volunteer firefighter who went to extinguish the fire suffered an electric shock.

Amid Gaza strikes, Israel agrees to attend truce talks

GAZA

ISRAEL carried out deadly air strikes in the Gaza Strip as the war entered its tenth month on Sunday, with fighting raging across the Palestinian territory and fresh diplomatic efforts under way to halt the violence.

Israel has said it will send a delegation in the coming days to continue truce talks with Qatari mediators that began recently in Doha. But Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's spokesman said "gaps" remained with Hamas on how to secure a ceasefire and hostage release deal.

"It was agreed that next week Israeli negotiators will travel to Doha to continue the talks. There are still gaps between the parties," the spokesman said in a statement on Friday.

Meanwhile, the fighting in Gaza continued unabated, with the Palestinian Red Crescent saying on Sunday that the bodies of six people, including two children, who were killed in Israeli strikes had arrived at Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in the central city of Deir al-Balah.

Paramedics also said on Sunday that six people had been killed in an Israeli strike on a house in a northern area of Gaza City.

The day before, the health ministry in Hamas-run Gaza said 16 people had been killed in a strike on a school run by the UN agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA) that was sheltering displaced people in Nuseirat, in central Gaza.

The Israeli military said its aircraft had targeted "terrorists" operating around the Al-Jawni school.

The military earlier said it had conducted operations across much of the Gaza Strip, including Shujaiya in the north, Deir al-Balah and Rafah in the south.

Shujaiya is among the areas the military had previously declared to be cleared of Hamas, but where fighting has since resumed. The Hamas press office and paramedics said four journalists working for local media outlets were killed in strikes overnight into Saturday, and UNRWA said two of its employees had been killed. UNRWA, which coordinates much of the aid delivered to Gaza, says 194 of its employees have been killed in the war.

The United States has talked up the prospects of a deal, saying there is a "pretty significant opening" for both sides.

WAR WATCH

ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 275

TOLL SO FAR

39,798

Protesters step up push for truce deal

Israeli protesters chanting "we will not give up" marched through Tel Aviv on Sunday, the second consecutive day of demonstrations in a stepped-up push for a deal to free hostages in Gaza. They stopped traffic at an intersection in Tel Aviv, calling for the government to secure a deal to free the hostages still held by Palestinian militants Hamas.

HECTIC WEEK

Biden back on campaign trail despite calls to leave the race

PHILADELPHIA

US President Joe Biden was back out on the campaign trail Sunday, desperate to salvage his reelection bid as senior Democrats meet to discuss growing calls that he quit the White House race.

The 81-year-old Democrat kicks off a grueling week with two campaign events in the battleground state of Pennsylvania, before hosting the NATO leaders' summit in Washington. Biden has remained defiant, unequivocally declaring – at a rally, to reporters and on social media – that he is fit to serve, the only one who can defeat Trump, and staying in the race. "I beat Trump in 2020. I'm going to beat him again in 2024," his campaign social media account posted Saturday.

But a televised interview with *ABC News* on Friday has failed to quell concerns. His next major test in the public eye after Sunday's forays will be a press conference scheduled for Thursday, during the NATO summit.

So far, five Democratic lawmakers have called on Biden to drop out, with the drumbeat of dissent slowly rising.

Democratic Senator Chris Murphy, a close Biden ally, stressed he believes Biden can still recover and win. But he said "the president needs to do more," including unscripted events like town hall gatherings, to reassure voters he has the mental acuity and physical fitness for a second term.

Meanwhile Hawaii governor Josh Green said Biden could make a decision within days whether to remain a candidate for reelection.

And if Biden decides not to run, Green said that he believes the president will designate Vice President Kamala Harris to replace him on the ticket. Recently, Green was in a meeting with Biden and other Democratic governors. *AP/AFP*

EXPRESS READ

Erdogan plans to invite Syria's Assad to Turkey

Istanbul: President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Sunday said he might invite his Syrian counterpart Bashar al-Assad to Turkey "at any moment", in a sign of reconciliation after the 2011 war broke ties between Ankara and Damascus. Erdogan's comments come after tensions have mounted over the past week after a mob went on the rampage, vandalising businesses and properties owned by Syrians. Turkey originally aimed to topple Assad's regime.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-tender Notice No. Y/E. 29/2024-25/25
Dated: 27.06.2024.

The undersigned, on behalf of President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Name of Work	Approx. Value
Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for SCADA at Raichur, Talli Saida Sahu, Saidapet & Santoshpur of Chikjajur (Excl) - Rayadurga (Excl) section of Mysuru division for 4 years.	Rs.48,61,681.28/-

Last date of submission of bid **upto 11:00 hrs. of 19.07.2024**

For full details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction/
PUB/234/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2024-25 **Mysuru**

South Western Railway - SWR | SWRRLY | SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Mrs. Muzakirunnisa Is Intended to Purchase Below Schedule Property From Sri. H. Krishna Reddy, Smt. Pramila, Sri. K. Mukunda, Sri. K. Raghu & Smt. Archana. K and others, if any have objections kindly give objection within 7 days through Mail ID:- mahgis6078@gmail.com and Contact No. 9845000629.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing Site No.37, Corporation No.17/22, formed in Sy No.17/3, situated at Madiwala Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, (2nd Block, Koramangala, Bangalore) now comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru, measuring East to West : 30 Feet and North to South : 40 Feet, totally measuring 1200 Square feet together with all rights, appurtenance whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on:- East by: Site No.36, West by: Road, North by: Site No. 34, South by: Road.

IN THE COURT OF THE XX ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE (C.C.H-32)

P & S.C No. 325/2024

Between : 1. BHAGWATI DEVI, W/o. Late Ranmal @ Ranmal Tater @ Ranmal Jain @ Ranmal B Jain, Now aged about 64 years, Residing at # 43/21, Krishnappa Agraharam Street, Kondithope, Chennai - 600001.

2. SUNITHA @ SUNITAKUMARI, W/o. Shushil Kumar & D/o. Late Ranmal @ Ranmal Tater @ Ranmal Jain @ Ranmal B Jain, & Bhagwati Devi, now aged about 47 years, Residing at # 183, Nyaya Marga, Siddartha Nagar, Mysore-570011.

3. PUSHPA LUNKAD W/o Madanlal Lunkad & D/o Late. Ranmal @ Ranmal Tater @ Ranmal Jain @ Ranmal B Jain & Bhagwati Devi, Now Aged about 45 years, Residing at S 7, 2nd Floor, Sampurna Chambers, V.V. Puram, Vasavi Temple Road, Bangalore - 560004.

4. Sarita Bharat Chopra @ Sarita R Tater D/o Late. Ranmal @ Ranmal Tater @ Ranmal Jain @ Ranmal B Jain & Bhagwati Devi, Now Aged about 43 years, Residing at #301, Mahavir Jyot, Chiplunkar Road, Ramnagar, Dombivli East, Kalyan Tilaknagar, Kalyan Thane, Maharashtra-421201.

5. Preeti Jain W/o Tarun Kumar, D/o Late. Ranmal @ Ranmal Tater @ Ranmal Jain @ Ranmal B Jain & Bhagwati Devi, Now Aged about 40 years, Residing at #35, Rajendra Complex, 2nd Floor, Reddy Raman Street, Sowcarpet, Chennai-600001.

6. SHARVAN JAIN, S/o. Later RANMAL @ RANMAL Tater @ Ranmal Jain @ Ranmal B Jain, & Bhagwati Devi, now Aged about 37 years, Residing at # 21/43, Krishnappa Agraharam Street, Sowcarpet, Chennai-600001.

7. KAJAL R JAIN, D/o. Later Ranmal @ Ranmal Tater @ Ranmal Jain @ Ranmal B Jain & Bhagwati Devi, Now Aged about 31 years, Residing at # 21/43, Krishnappa Ahraharam Street, Sowcarpet, Chennai-600001. ...Petitioners

AND : Nil ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, the above named Petitioners have made petition to this Court under Section 372 of Indian Succession Act. for the grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the Petitioner No.3 is daughter in respect of schedule shares held by my late father RANMAL @ RANMAL TATER @ RANMAL JAIN @ RANMAL B JAIN (who expired on 30.12.2017 at CHENNAI) during his lifetime. Petitioner No.1 is wife of late RANMAL @ RANMAL TATER @ RANMAL JAIN @ RANMAL B JAIN & Petitioners 2, 3, 4, 5 & 7 are the daughters & Petitioner No. 6 is son.

Interested persons are hereby called upon to appear before this Court in person or through pleader duly instructed **on 26.07.2024 at 11.00 a.m.** to show cause against the Petition failing which the case will be decided as Ex-Parte.

SCHEDULE : Name : TATA ELXSI LTD.
FOLIO No : EX80011113, **No. of Shares :** 200

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on the 01.07.2024.

By Order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.
Advocate for Petitioners
SATHYANARAYANA GOPAL RAO, Advocate
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Before the Principal Motor Accidents Claims Tribunal:: Nellore, A.P. State
M.V.O.P.No.161/2022
1.Palamala L Sai Nikhitha and another ... Claimants
Vs
1.Palamala Ravi and 5 Others ... Respondents

Notice to 5th Respondent

M/s. Camions Logistics Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Owner of the Goods Carrier having its Office at No.748/2, Vasuki Complex, Sarjapura Road, Attbele Post, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore KA-562107

Please take notice that the above claimants filed M.V.O.P. Case against you and your Insurance Company for compensation. The Case is posted to **16.07.2024** for your appearance, your are required to appear before the Hon'ble Tribunal on **16.07.2024** at 10.30 A.M. either in person or an Advocate, failing which the matter will be decided in your absence.

K.Penchalaiah, B.Com., B.L., Advocate for the Claimants, Nellore. A.P.

Before the Principal Motor Accidents Claims Tribunal:: Nellore, A.P. State
M.V.O.P.No.478/2022
1.Irugu Annapurnamma and 2 others ... Claimants
Vs
1.Palamala Ravi and 7 Others ... Respondents

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Before the Principal Motor Accidents Claims Tribunal:: Nellore, A.P. State
M.V.O.P.No.160/2022
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Vs
1.S.Peram Saheb and 4 Others ... Respondents

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Saraswathi**, C/o. Apparna Swamy, No. 28, 2nd Cross, Kanakadasa Layout, Lingarajpuram, Bangalore - 560 084.

I have missed (Lost) the sale deed of **Mr. Palani Achary** (who is my father) while travelling the Auto at Lingarajpuram on 24.9.2011 at 5 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of Site No. 4 in No. 16, Situated at Lakkasandra Grama, Bangalore now comes under BBMP Ward No. 63, Municipal New No. 4, Situated at 2nd Cross, Veramma Layout, Lakkasandra Grama, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 40-0 Feet North to South : 60-0 Feet, in total measuring 2400 Sq.Feet.

Lost Document Details :

1) Certificate copy Mother Deed Palani Achary,
2) Encumbrance (E.C.) 13/4/61 to 30/9/66,
3) Encumbrance (E.C.) 1/10/66 to 31/3/2004,
4) Encumbrance (E.C.) 1/4/2004 to 10/5/2011,
5) Encumbrance (E.C.) 12/8/2011,
6) Saraswathi daughter of Palani Achary

In this regard I lodge a Police Complaint on 15.10.2011 at Sub Inspector of Police, Banasawadi Police Station, East Division, Bangalore.

It is requested to general public that any person finding the said documents, may kindly handover the said documents to the undersigned at the above mentioned address with in 7 days from the date of issue of this Public Notice. Contact No. : 9341991219

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public are hereby informed that, our client is going to entering into a Lease Agreement of Schedule Properties,. Which are mentioned in the schedule herein below with **Smt.K.S.Indraja** W/o V.Suriraju, aged about 43 years, R/ at No.#67, Serpetine Road, Kumara Park West Sheshadripuram, Bangalore -560020 and Smt.K.S.Jalaja, W/o G. Jagadeesh Chandra Prakash, aged about 41 years, residing at E-85, 6th 'A' Cross, Manyatha Residency, Nagavara, Hebbal, Bangalore -560045. They are the absolute owners, they are in peaceful possession of the Schedule Properties, same is free from any encumbrance/ charges/ claims or demands of whatsoever nature. Person/s claiming any right, title or interest in or upon the Schedule Properties and / or having any objections to the above said transactions, may lodge their objections in supported of their documents before undersigned within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice. If no objection is/are received within said period our client go head with said transaction in respect of the Schedule Properties deeming that there is / or no claims or objection to the same.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Residential / Commercial converted land bearing Sy.No.36/1, Sy.No. 36/3 and Sy.No.37/1 measuring to an extent of 2 acres and 5 Guntas situated at Allalasandra Village, Yelhanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently BBMP Khatha No.29/36/1 and 37/1 Ward No.4, Yelahanka Satellite Town, Bangalore and bounded on: **East by:** Railway Track, **West by:** National Highway No.7, **North by:** Survey No.39 and Sy.No.38 (Government Lake), **South by:** Sy.No. 32 and Sy.No.37/2

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TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP portal only)

KPTCL invites bids for the following works:

Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/T(W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AE-3/Fire extinguisher/2024-25/05, Dtd: 04.07.2024 **for Refilling, Reconditioning, Painting and Replacement of Accessories of existing Foam, CO2 & Water Type Fire Extinguisher of different capacities required for various S/s of Hootagally TL&SS Division coming under Tr (W&M) Circle, Mysuru.**

The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the kpp portal can be obtained by logging into KPTCL **website: https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"E Procurement KPTCL"** or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **10-07-2024.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/-, Superintending Engineer, Elecl.,
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Command Area Development Authority
Cauvery Basin Project-Mysuru
O/o Executive Engineer, No.02 Division, CADA, CBP
Vijayanagara 1st Stage, Mysuru-17
Phone Number: 0821-2414090 email-eecada2mysore@gmail.com

Tender Notification No:04/2024-25 Dated:05.07.2024
(Through e-procurement only)

On behalf of the Administrator, CADA, CBP, Mysore, The Executive Engineer. CADA No.2 Division, CBP, Mysuru has invited tender in two cover system for 01 Atchkat Road work in Chamarajanagara Taluk as per Standard Tender Document KW-4 from eligible tenderers through KPPP Portal. Interested bidders may access bidding documents from KPPP portal: http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in or contact this office during working hours. The tenderers can download the tender documents from 10.07.2024. The last date for submission of Technical and Financial Bid is 25.07.2024 upto 4:00 PM. Date of opening, of Technical Bid is 26.07.2024, 4:30 onwards and date of opening of Financial Bid is 02.08.2024, 5:00 PM onwards or after approval of Technical Bid.

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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SEC 13 (2) OF "THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIALASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

The following persons whose names are mentioned in Col No.1, The details of properties mortgaged are shown in Col No.4. The borrower have defaulted in repaying the amounts due by them as shown in Col. No.3, in spite of repeated remainders, consequently these dues have been classified as NPA's as per RBI's guidelines . Notices were sent by Regd. Post to below mentioned date and that is returned / undelivered. Therefore the respective borrowers are hereby called upon to repay the outstanding amounts due mentioned against their names in Col No.3 within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which LIC Housing Finance Ltd., would be constrained to initiate proceedings under sec.13 (4) of SARFAESI Act against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereunder against the respective loan A/cs to realize the amounts due to them.

Name of the Borrower & Loan No	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount (in Rupees)	Description of the Property
Mr. Sunil T S Mrs. Sruthy Sreenivasan Loan No. 4001010001581	25/06/2024	Rs.44772253/- (Rupees Four Crore Forty Seven Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Two Hundred And Fifty Three Only)	Schedule : All that piece and parcel of old Site No.36, BBMP Municipal No.60, Property No,36/60, Old PID No.60-159-60, New PID No.168-WO021-11, New Diagonal Road Block No,4th Road Block No.4th In Jayanagar Extension, Bengaluru-560011, BBMP Ward No. 168, Measuring East to West 55 ¾ Feet, North to South: 40 Feet totally 2230 Sq.ft, Along with 1050 Square RCC Roofed House With All Civic Amenities. and bounded on, EAST by : 7th B Main Road; WEST by : Site No. 21; NORTH by SIte No. 37; SOUTH by : SIte No. 35;
Mr. Mohan Kumar T A Ms. Bhavana M Loan No. 4001200000018	06/05/2024	Rs.6448491.00 (Rupees Sixty Four Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Ninety One Only)	Schedule Property : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property Assessment No.30/4, Municipal No.412, BBMP Ward NO.12, Abbigere Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently comes under BBMP limits, measuring East to West: 60 feet and North to South: 40 feet, together all rights, appurtenances whatsoever underneath or above surfaces, and bounded on: East by: Chandru's Site West by: L P Suma's Site North by: Remaining Portion South by:Road.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 08/07/2024

Sd/- Authorized Officer
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NOTICE

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The booking period will be from 08.07.2024 the coin sets can be booked online on our website https://www.indiagovtmint.in. Alternately, the coin sets can be ordered offline by submitting an order form available on our website or visit our store at Shahid Bhagat Singh Road, Fort, Mumbai - 400001.

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NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** The loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co- borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loan were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers and co-borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice
1	92389399	Loan Against Property	1. Dharma M S 2. B Geetha Priya	29.06.2024	INR 62,45,831.49/-

Property Address : All That Piece And Parcel Of Site No. 154, Katha No. 825/26/4/154, Situated At Herohalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, 5th Cross, Mahadeshwara Nagar Bangalore-560091, Measuring East To West: 30 Feet And North To South: 40 Feet, In All Measuring 1200 Square Feet And Consisting Of A 8 Square Rcc Sheet Roofed House Constructed Thereon And Bounded On:- **East : Site No. 155, West : Site No. 153, North : Site No. 157, South : Road**

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Sd/-
Authorized Officer
IDFC First Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)

Date : 08.07.2024
Place : Bangalore

₹7,900 CR have been infused by FPIs in Indian equities so far.

Know how budget is going to create an impact in your finances

Different aspects in budget, such as big policy announcements, allocation to different schemes & ministries, and the changes in tax laws can impact your life

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE government will table the Union Budget on 23 July. Media is already abuzz with reports that the government will take steps to leave more money in the hands of the common man by way of income tax relief. But changes in income tax provisions alone would not impact you, the budget as a whole can impact your finance directly or indirectly.

There are different aspects to the Union Budget – big policy announcements, allocation to different schemes and ministries, earnings and expenditure estimates, and the changes in tax laws. All these can impact your life in some or other way. We list the ways the Budget announcements impact you and your finances in the long run.

Fiscal deficit and borrowings: The government in the budget gives estimates of its revenue and expenditure, and accordingly arrives at a fiscal deficit number. This deficit is funded by the market borrowings. When borrowings by the government go up, it means more government bonds are issued. This leads to higher yields in the bond market. When the government needs more money, they offer higher interest. Higher yields on government bonds means corporates also have to pay more for borrowing, therefore, higher yields on corporate bonds as well. It also increases borrowing costs from banks and other financial institutions. While this is good for new investors looking to enter the bond market as they can get better interest on their investments, existing bond investors or fixed deposit holders may lose out to the higher rates. On the flip side, retail borrowers would have to pay more interest on the loans they are taking from banks and NBFCs.

The good news is that the government is awash with cash this year with a handsome dividend of ₹ 2.11 lakh crore from the Reserve Bank of India, and experts hope that the government might have lower fiscal deficit than expected, resulting in lower borrowings. This could lead to yields on government bonds, which are hovering around 7.1% to come down to 6.8-6.9%.

Higher allocation to education and healthcare: In India, the budget allocation to education is a mere 2.9% and healthcare is 1.2% of the GDP. This is puny compared to many developed and emerging economies. Proliferation of private sector in both the sectors have made basic amenities like healthcare and education unaffordable for a large section of the society. If the government substantially increases its allocation to these two sectors, it would necessarily mean affordable healthcare and education for the country. Mere higher allocation alone, however, does not ensure better facilities. It has been seen that despite higher allocation, actual money spent on these facilities is lower than the money provided for. So apart from higher allocation, the government also needs to spend the money to improve these facilities in the country.

Higher Capex spending: Higher capex spending by the government means more infrastructure and real asset creation by the government. The Modi-led government has raised the allocation on capital expenditure from ₹3.2 lakh crore in 2018-19 to ₹9.5 lakh crore in 2023-24.

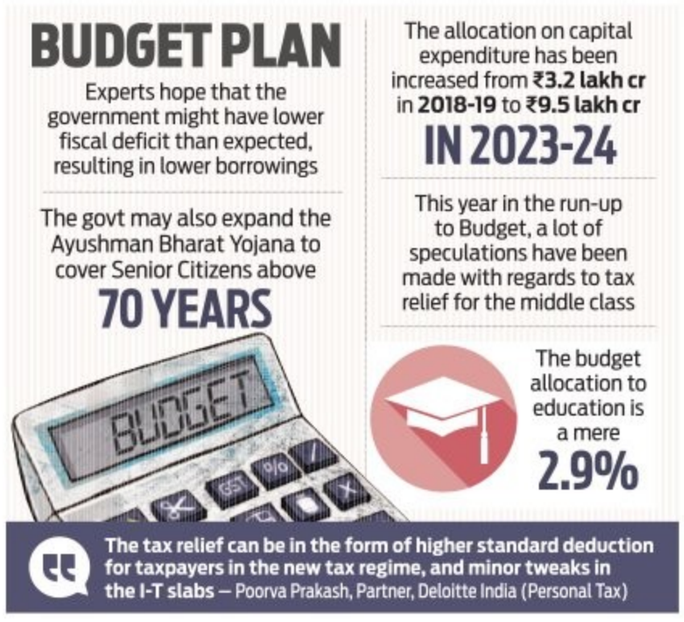
Higher allocation to capex has a higher multiplier effect than that of revenue expenditure (spendings on salary and pensions). As per some estimates, higher spending on capex leads to 2.5-3.5x worth of value for the economy. This could not only mean better infrastructure, but also means more job creations and improved earnings for the common man.

Reform measures: Though the government need not wait for the Budget to announce any big reform measures, it has used the budget to make bold policy decisions in the past, and there is no reason the government may not do so in the forthcoming budget. It is likely that the government may notify some of the reforms in the insurance sector – including a push for insurance for all by 2047 and privatisation of non-life insurance PSUs. The government may also expand the Ayushman Bharat Yojana to cover Senior Citizens above 70 years. Currently, Ayushman Bharat Yojana covers only the bottom 50% of the population.

Tax-related announcements: Personal tax related announcements have direct impact on most common man. This year in the run-up to Budget, a lot of speculations have been made with regards to tax relief for the middle class. "The tax relief can be in the form of higher standard deduction (currently at ₹50,000) for taxpayers in the new tax regime, and minor tweaks in the income tax slabs," says Poorva Prakash, Partner, Deloitte India (Personal Tax).

While income tax changes impact a smaller section of the society, changes in GST rates may have a far wider impact. Since such decisions can only be taken by the GST Council, the government can at least make some announcement on the rate rationalisation just for an inkling of the direction GST rates would go.

Also, a statement on inclusion of petrol and diesel under the GST may make a big impact. The direction of the Budget – fiscally prudent or expedient – would also impact the sentiments in the equity market and debt market. If the government remains fiscally responsible, both the equity markets – which are in a sort of bull run, may get more leg to continue its upward run.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MONEY MATTERS

WHY INVESTORS SHOULD BE FEARFUL NOW

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

RAJAS KELKAR
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THERE are concerns across the board. As share prices soar to record highs each trading day, even the chief justice of India, D Y Chandrachud, felt it necessary to alert regulators in a public speech. He advised the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) and Securities Appellate Tribunal, the appeals court for Sebi orders, to ensure the backbone is stable. Market pundits have put out innumerable reasons for markets to surge. However, legendary American investor Warren Buffett's strategy of being 'fearful' when others are greedy makes more sense. He said that when others are greedy, you must exercise caution; when others are fearful, you should be greedy.

In financial markets that move rapidly during a single day, it is hard to pick the point at which one can start getting fearful and start selling shares at market highs. The idea is not to sell everything in your portfolio. It is to increase the cash component in your portfolio by selling securities that have already reached your target or have given you multifold profits.

Since prices in the financial markets are driven by greed and fear, it is impossible to take a contrarian view easily. There are too many reasons to buy more or stay invested. Despite record high levels, the Nifty index is not the best-performing benchmark in the world in 2024. US stocks and gold prices have done even better in the US dollar terms. In India, the new coalition government promises more of the same policies. That is reflected in the critical ministries given to the same ministers as the previous government. Financial markets will await the outcome of the Budget 2024 on 23 July.

It is challenging for experienced fund managers to have access to top financial data to determine the top of the market. However, history shows that markets move up in cycles. While the overall trajectory of equity markets is up, there are top and bottom phases on the way. As an individual, you can't identify the right point at the top. You need to figure that out based on greed and fear prevailing emotions.

It is very rarely in the history of financial markets that equity prices, gold prices and interest rates remain high simultaneously. High equity prices today reflect the hope of future profits. That seems to be driving retail money into equity markets relentlessly. Many individuals are buying into sectoral funds, hoping to generate higher returns. That puts fund managers managing those funds to buy those shares at a higher price than fundamentals. Many companies in the mid-cap and small-cap segments are trading at multiple times book value or earnings per share. These levels are too high in historical terms. That makes equity markets vulnerable to a fall. Share prices need an excuse to correct themselves. High gold prices suggest that the element of fear is high. Major central banks, including the Reserve Bank of India, piled gold to boost reserves. Investing in gold is driven by the perception of rising risks to the financial markets. Gold continues to gain ground in an era of strong US dollar and high interest rates. That is an unusual pattern.

The third key factor is interest rates. In the US, everyone is looking forward to a hint that the US Federal Reserve would offer to cut rates. However, with demand-led solid growth, inflation risks remain high.

The US Fed is unlikely to tinker with interest rates if US economic growth remains resilient. In India, the RBI monetary policy committee leaves borrowing rates unchanged. Despite several dissents in the committee, the RBI governor Shaktikanta Das has emphasised the need for price stability and risks to inflation from climate change and supply side issues.

While fund managers must invest most of the money as mandated by respective schemes, you can now hold more cash in your portfolio. You can wait for share prices to fall before entering at low prices.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

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FLEXI CAP FUNDS PROVIDE A WIDER CANVAS

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(Views expressed here are personal)

NOT too long after SEBI introduced tightly defined categories of equity mutual funds based on market capitalisation, it woke up to the fact that many Asset Management Companies (AMCs) that ran multi-cap funds had portfolios that more or less mirrored other categories such as large cap, large and mid-cap or even mid-cap and small cap funds as it had set no predefined limits across Market-capitalisations.

SEBI then announced that Multi Cap Funds are required to hold at least 75% of their assets in equity and equity-related instruments at any point in time. Further, the portfolio must allocate at least 25% of its assets to large-cap stocks, 25% to mid-cap stocks, and another 25% to small-cap stocks. When the industry protested, SEBI back-tracked and created yet another category named Flexi-Cap Funds.

Flexi Cap Funds are defined as funds that invest at least 65% of their assets in equities and equity-related products, with a dynamic allocation between large-cap, mid-cap, and small-cap stocks. It was introduced as a new category of equity funds in November 2020. As opposed to multi-cap funds, these funds had the leeway to provide heavier weightage in their investments across any market capitalisation category, if they deemed it fit.

Any remaining portion that the fund may have, after investing in stocks across market capitalisations can be invested in debt and money market instruments. As an equity fund, Flexi Cap funds too carry inherent risk that is likely to accentuate in the short run and could potentially even out in the long Run. A plus for the Flexi-Cap category is that it offers the fund manager a much broader canvas to deploy funds and allows them to be far more nimble footed when market trends start changing.

In short, it is not straitjacketed by minimum or maximum limits across market capitalisation categories. It is by and far, the closest fit to the erstwhile vanilla funds that past mutual fund investors had built their fortune on, till SEBI's categorisation of funds happened.

It is against this backdrop that I was surprised when SEBI imposed a minimum 25% across market capitalisation categories for multi- cap funds. My question then (regular readers of this column might remember) was - 'If it ain't broken, why fix it'? Thankfully, better sense prevailed and the old multi-cap category which was the one that was tinkered with, made a comeback under the new label of Flexi-cap funds.

The taxation of these funds, like all other Equity category Funds is 10% for Long Term Capital Gains (LTCG) made on the sale of units of total value exceeding ₹1 lakh, and 15% for Short Term Capital Gains (STCG) if the units are sold within the time period of 1 year from the date of allotment. The Benchmarks used by Flexi Cap Funds and Multi Cap Funds to evaluate their performance include the Nifty 500 TRI Index and & BSE 500 TRI Index.

In next fortnight's column, we shall turn the spotlight on the performances of some Flexi-Cap funds.

'Hindenburg shared Adani report before publishing it'

PTI @ New Delhi

US short-seller Hindenburg Research had shared an advance copy of its damning report against Adani group with New York-based hedge fund manager Mark Kingdon about two months before publishing it and profited from a deal to share spoils from share price movement, according to market regulator Sebi.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), in its 46-page show cause notice to Hindenburg, detailed how the US short seller, the New York hedge fund and a broker tied to Kotak Mahindra Bank benefited from the over $150 billion routs in the market value of Adani group's 10 listed firms post-publication of the report. Sebi charged Hindenburg of making "unfair" profits from "collusion" to use "non-public" and "misleading" information and induce "panic selling" in Adani Group stocks. Hindenburg, which made public the Sebi notice, in its response, has described the show cause as an attempt to "silence and intimidate those who expose corruption and fraud perpetrated by the most powerful individuals in India" and revealed that the vehicle used to bet against Adani's flagship firm Adani Enterprises Ltd belonged to Kotak Mahindra (International) Ltd, a Mauritius-based subsidiary of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. KMIL's fund placed bets on Adani Enterprises Ltd for its client Kingdon's Kingdon Capital Management.Sebi notice includes extracts of time-stamped chats between an employee of the hedge fund and KMIL traders for selling future contracts in AEL. Kotak Mahindra Bank has stated that Kingdon "never disclosed that they had any relationship with Hindenburg nor that they were acting on the basis of any price-sensitive information".

Tariff hike complies with regulatory framework: DoT

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

A day after the Congress party criticised the government over the tariff hike by telecom service providers (TSPs), the Ministry of Communication defended the increase, mentioning that the hike complies with the prescribed regulatory framework. In a press statement issued in response to the Congress party's claims that consumers would face an additional burden of ₹34,824 crore due to the tariff hike, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) clarified that telecom service providers (TSPs) have raised mobile service prices after more than two years.

"In last 2 years, some of the TSPs have invested heavily in rolling out the 5G services across the country. This has resulted in a significant increase in median mobile speed to the level of 100 Mbps and a jump in India's international rank from 111, in October 2022, to 15 today," DoT said. All three major private telecom service providers — Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, and Vodafone Idea Limited — have announced tariff hikes ranging from 10% to 25% last week. The last such hike occurred in November 2021. This time, Reliance Jio led with a tariff increase of 12-25%, followed by Airtel with hikes ranging from 11% to 21% across its prepaid and postpaid plans. Vodafone Idea (Vi) also increased tariffs by 10-23%.

The DoT also highlighted that the tariff hike was implemented in accordance with the provisions of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) Act 1997, which empowers TRAI as an independent regulator to set telecom service rates in the country. It noted that for the past two decades, mobile service rates have been determined under forbearance by TRAI.

The government further explained that with three private sector players and one public sector player, the current mobile services market operates under the forces of demand and supply. It emphasised that the focus remains on safeguarding subscriber interests, promoting orderly growth through investments in cutting-edge technologies, and ensuring financial sustainability. The government also underscored the importance of investing in advanced technologies.

'Credit card becomes a challenge if not prudent enough to handle it'

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

AS soon as youngsters join the workforce, they fall into many traps including loans and short-term gains. Krishan Mishra, CEO, FPSB (Financial Planning Standards Board) India, who was in Bengaluru recently, told TNIE that once youngsters receive a credit card, they start spending money.

"Easy money leads to easy spending. People get tempted to spend the money without understanding the repercussions. If you are not prudent enough to handle your credit card, then it can become a challenge for you to manage," he said.

FPSB is the global leader in the financial planning profession, and Mishra stressed on the need to approach certified financial planners. "Never spend more than what you earn otherwise you will never be able to repay. In fact, 30% of your regular income is the maximum you should spend. Do not fall into the trap of loans immediately, start thinking about investments in the initial years of your life. If you start saving and investing right from the initial years, you will be able to handle a lot of things," he said, stressing on the need to create an emergency/contingency fund. He added that youngsters should never look at short-term gains.

"Youngsters feel that if I invest today, can I make 40% or 60% in 30 days. There are many fraudulent offers in the market and do not get into their trap. Never buy a product which is not legalised by our regulator. Markets are not meant for everyone. Am I the right fit for the market? Am I looking for a long-term or short- term gain? If people are focused on short-term, they should not go to a certified financial planner," he said.

Germany great Kroos bids farewell

Germany great Toni Kroos officially bid farewell to football on Sunday, two days after his team's exit from ongoing Euros. "So that's it," Kroos wrote in a post on Instagram on Sunday. "But before I take a break and at least try to realize what happened over the last 17 years I don't want to miss the opportunity to say thank you to everyone accepting me how and who I am."

After going behind in opening half, Netherlands show fighting spirit in the second period of play to get over the line against Turkey; set up semifinal showdown with England

CLUTCH DUTCH

AFP @ Berlin

THE Netherlands struck two second-half goals in seven minutes to come from behind to beat Turkey 2-1 on Saturday and set up a Euro 2024 semifinal clash with England.

Samet Akaydin sent Turkey ahead in the first half but Stefan de Vrij headed the Netherlands level and Murt Muldur turned into his own net under pressure from Cody Gakpo after 76 minutes to hand the Dutch victory. "Tonight we had to dig very deep and I am proud of these guys," Netherlands captain Virgil van Dijk told *NOS*.

Turkey coach Vincenzo Montella deployed five at the back, hoping his young side could catch Netherlands on the counter-attack. It was the 1988 Euros champs who carved out the first chance, with Gakpo and Memphis Depay linking up well before the latter blazed over. Koeman captained the Netherlands to glory 36 years ago but until their convincing 3-0 win over Romania in the last 16, the Dutch looked incapable of challenging for the trophy, sneaking through their group in third place.

They reverted to that weaker self in the first half after their early incursions, allowing Turkey to firmly establish themselves in the game. Montella's side began to pin the Netherlands back with a string of set pieces, eventually capitalising after 35 minutes when Arda Guler recycled a corner which was only half-cleared. The 19-year-old Real Madrid playmaker swirled in a cross dripping with temptation with his weaker right foot and Akaydin powered home a far post header.

Koeman had to shake things up at the interval and brought on Wout Weghorst for Steven Bergwijn. The Burnley striker made a rapid impact, giving the Netherlands a target to hit up front, which they looked for with regularity. Guler continued to probe at the other end and was scythed down by Nathan Ake, crashing the resulting free-kick against Bart Verbruggen's post. Turkey almost grabbed a second but Verbruggen saved well from Kenan Yildiz. At the other end Weghorst forced a smart stop from Mert Gunok, but the Turkish goalkeeper was soon beaten by De Vrij. Just six minutes later, Denzel Dumfries swept in a dangerous low ball which Muldur bundled into his own net as Euros joint-top scorer Gakpo tried to reach it. It was the 10th own goal of the tournament.

Scores: Netherlands 2-1 Turkey.

Netherlands players rejoice after the match against Turkey | EXPRESS

Last men standing

THREE WEEKS DOWN AND WITH ONE WEEK TO GO, EURO 2024 HAS REACHED THE SEMIFINAL STAGE AND IS GETTING READY FOR TWO HEAVYWEIGHT TIES. HERE'S WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT THE FINAL GAMES...

Which teams have made it to the semis?

The first semifinal will be played in Munich on July 9 between Spain and France. The Netherlands face England in the second semifinal in Dortmund on July 10.

Have those countries won before?

- Spain have won three times, including back-to-back trophies in 2008 and 2012. Many consider them the favourites to win this year after they defeated host nation Germany in the quarterfinals.
- France won in 1984 and 2000. They also reached the final in 2016, but lost to Portugal.
- The Netherlands' only European title came in 1988. England have never won the European Championship, but were runners-up in the previous edition (2021), which Italy won.

MORE HEARTBREAK FOR SELECAO

Brazil continued their rather middling recent record at international tournaments. A look at what ails them currently...

A TEAM IN TRANSITION

A lot of the elders, beginning with Thiago Silva, Casemiro, Daniel Alves and Gabriel Jesus have either retired or haven't been picked this time. The management have identified young players, none more so than Endrick, already snapped up by Real Madrid, for this process. It will take time.

HEAD COACH NEEDS TIME

After Brazil's ouster from the World Cup in Qatar, Tite quit the role of head coach. Since then, the Selecao were in a pronounced slump before Dorival Junior was appointed to the post in January 2024. There has been an uptick since then but he will need more time to leave his imprint on the squad.

LACK OF A FINISHER

With Neymar out with an injury, Richarlison, their starting forward not picked, the goals were always going to be a problem. Vinicius Jr sparkled with a brace against Paraguay but a focal point remains a problems.

BRAZIL'S MAJOR SENIOR TOURNAMENTS IN THE LAST 10 YEARS

Tournament	Finish
2024 Copa America	Semifinals
2022 World Cup	Quarters
2021 Copa America	Runners-up
2019 Copa America	Winners
2018 World Cup	Quarters
2016 Copa America	Group stage
2015 Copa America	Quarters
2014 World Cup	Fourth

Brazil pay the penalty versus Uruguay

AFP @ Las Vegas

URUGUAY beat Brazil on penalties (4-2) to reach the semifinals of Copa America after an ugly game ended goalless on Saturday. Uruguay, who finished the game with ten men after Nahitan Nandez was sent off in the 74th minute, will face Colombia in Charlotte, North Carolina, in their semi-final on Wednesday.

Colombia, now unbeaten in 27 games, beat Panama 5-0 in Saturday's other quarter-final earlier in Arizona.

The other semifinal, in New Jersey on Tuesday, will see world champions Argentina face surprise package Canada.

For five-times world champions Brazil it was a disappointing early end to a tournament in which they never truly clicked, and a lot of work remains to be done if Dorival Junior's team are to be in shape to compete for the title in the 2026 World Cup. Brazil suffered early on in the shootout after Eder Militao's first penalty was saved by keeper Rochet. It was compounded after Douglas Luiz hit the post. Soon enough, Uruguay won after Manuel Ugarte converted the country's fifth penalty. In a city better known for boxing than for the beautiful game, it was a bruising contest with little quality play and a tournament high 41 fouls.

Brazil players react after the match against Uruguay on Saturday | AP

How the penalties played out

URUGUAY	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
BRAZIL	✗	✓	✗	✓	○

Scores: Uruguay 0 (4) - 0 (2) Brazil; Colombia 5-0 Panama

Semifinals: **Tuesday:** Argentina **vs** Canada, **Wednesday:** Uruguay **vs** Colombia

Cuisines from world over at Games Village

KALYANI MANGALE @ Chennai

APART from the Indian delicacies in the menu of the Asian district, the Games Village at Paris Olympics will have three more districts serving various food and beverages. According to Indian Olympic Association nutritionists, there will be French, World, Asian and Halal districts serving various foods. As per the chart prepared by the IOA, in each district there will be a salad bar, hot buffet breakfast, hot buffet lunch and dinner. There will be desserts, condiments and breads. Some food items such as fruits, yogurt, breads, pastries, cheese, nuts, dry fruits etc. will be present across all the districts on a daily basis.

"The International Olympic Committee (read Organising committee of the Games) as well) has divided it into four districts and there is a huge variety of choices of food from different parts of the world for athletes to choose from. For female athletes, it will take care of their different protein and micronutrient requirements. Female athletes performing at this level are aware of their requirements even during the menstrual cycle and at the same time, they have been guided for that. The athletes need to adjust their food timings now so it doesn't come as a shock because of time differences and weather changes. If they are to make changes, it is now. We have encouraged them to try the varieties of food," Aradhana Sharma, IOA-appointed chief nutritionist said.

The IOA's guide 'A Comprehensive Food & Nutrition Guide for Olympic Bound Athletes' is an attempt to provide information to all the Olympic-bound athletes regarding dining arrangements, meal options and their nutritional benefits, at the Olympic village in Paris.

Alcaraz and Sinner book quarterfinal berths

AGENCIES @ London

DEFENDING champion Carlos Alcaraz overcame a worrying mid-match slump to reach the Wimbledon quarterfinals on Sunday, defeating Ugo Humbert of France in four sets to stay on course for a fourth Grand Slam title.

The Spanish World No 3 came through 6-3, 6-4, 1-6, 7-5 against his 16th-ranked opponent to book a spot in the last-eight of a Major for the ninth time in just 14 appearances. However, it was another uncomfortable afternoon for Alcaraz, who had needed five sets to see off Frances Tiafoe in the third round. His erratic performance on Sunday saw him drop serve five times and commit an uncharacteristic 33 unforced errors.

Later, World No 1 Jannik Sinner also moved into the quarterfinals with a 6-2, 6-4, 7-6 (9) win over American 14th seed Ben Shelton. Sinner survived a late flurry of pressure from Shelton as he reached the last eight at the All England Club for a third successive year.

The 22-year-old Italian top seed is bidding to win the grass-court Grand Slam for the first time. Sinner will face Russian fifth seed Daniil Medvedev for a place in the semifinals. Medvedev advanced after Grigor Dimitrov, his Round 4 opponent, was forced to retire following a slip on court during the first set. Medvedev was leading 5-3 in the first set when the Bulgarian retired.

Select results (Rd 4): Men: C Alcaraz bt U Humbert 6-3, 6-4, 1-6, 7-5; J Sinner bt B Shelton 6-2, 6-4, 7-6 (9); D Medvedev bt G Dimitrov 5-3 retd. **Women:** J Paolini bt M Keys 6-3, 6-7(6), 5-5 retd; D Vekic bt P Badosa 6-2, 1-6, 6-4.

Carlos Alcaraz is thrilled after winning a point against Ugo Humbert on Sunday | AP

Enjoy Wimbledon 2024 with 'Jumble' done

Unscramble these jumbles to get a famous tennis player's second name (popular name). e.g Paes for Leander Paes

THE DAILY HINT

The alphabet in the circle/s to be saved as they will form part of the final answer.

She reached the Wimbledon singles final 12 times, including for nine consecutive years from 1982 through 1990, and won the title a record nine times

DAY 7

V V A A A N R O I L T

Monday's matches (select, Rd 4)

Taylor Fritz **vs** Alexander Zverev, Arthur Fils **vs** Alex de Minaur, Holger Rune **vs** Novak Djokovic, Lorenzo Musetti **vs** Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard Elina Svitolina **vs** Xinyu Wang, Elena Rybakina **vs** Anna Kalinskaya, Danielle Collins **vs** Barbora Krejcikova, Yulia Putintseva **vs** Jelena Ostapenko

Sable rewrites national record in Paris DL

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

AVINASH Sable rewrote his own national record in the men's 3000m steeplechase with a time of 8:09.91 in the Paris Diamond League on Sunday afternoon. In a relatively fast race, Sable, whose previous national record was 8:11.20, finished in sixth place.

To give a sense of how fast the race was, four of the top five runners either finished with a new personal best or rewrote existing area records. Ethiopia's Abrham Sime finished first with a time of 8:02.36. While the likes of Soufiane El Bakkali (world and Olympic champion) and Lamecha Girma (world and Olympic silver-medallist) didn't feature, Kenya's Abraham Kibiwot finished in third with a time of 8:06.70, a season's best. There is some expectation on Sable to have a competitive showing at the Olympics.

Aldrin, Ankita make Paris cut

Jeswin Aldrin (long-jumper) and Ankita Bhagat (5000m) qualified for the Games via world ranking quota. Both are expected to feature in the Indian contingent as and when they depart for Paris this month. Their names featured in the list released by World Athletics.

EXPRESS READ

Asian meet: 2 titles for Abhay

JOHOR: Abhay Singh performed won a double at the Asian Doubles Squash Championships. Abhay won the men's doubles title along with Velavan Senthilkumar. The top-seeded pair beat Malaysian second seeds Ong Sai Hung and Syafiq Kamal 11-4, 11-5. Later, Abhay and Joshna Chinappa beat the second-seeded Hong Kong duo of Tong Tsz Wing and Tang Ming Hong 11-8, 10-11, 11-5 in the mixed doubles final.

Priyanshu's dream run ends

CALGARY: India's campaign at the Canada Open Super 500 badminton tournament ended after Priyanshu Rajawat suffered a straight-game loss to France's Alex Lanier in the men's singles semifinals here late on Saturday. World No 39 Rajawat went down 17-21, 10-21 to Lanier, ranked 37th, in 45 minutes at the Markin MacPhail Centre. The Indian had defeated Lanier at the Madrid Spain Masters qualification round last year.

Double for racer Mohsin

CHENNAI: Mohsin Paramban was once again the standout in Round 2 of the 2024 IDEMITSU Honda India Talent Cup NSF250R here. Taking charge again in Race 2, Mohsin fully utilized the potential of the Moto3-spec machine, the NSF 250R, throughout the 8-lap race to win with a total time of 15:07.015. With this win, Mohsin finished the entire round as the podium winner in both races. Savion Sabu finished second.

British GP: First victory since 2021 for Hamilton

AGENCIES @ Silverstone

LEWIS Hamilton held off Max Verstappen's late charge to win a thrilling British Grand Prix on Sunday and secure his first victory since the penultimate race of the 2021 season.

Hamilton became the first F1 driver to win on any track nine times and also extended his F1 record to 104 wins. His last came at the Saudi Arabian GP in December 2021 — the year he lost the title to Red Bull driver Verstappen.

The seven-time F1 champion beat defending champion Verstappen by 1.5 seconds, with Lando Norris finishing third for McLaren.

"Love you guys," a tearful-sounding Hamilton told his team over radio.

There were high hopes for a home win at Silverstone, with Hamilton's Mercedes teammate George Russell on pole position ahead of Hamilton and with Norris going from third and Verstappen fourth. Russell's hopes of a second straight F1 win ended on Lap 34 of 52 with a suspected water system issue on his car. A few laps later, McLaren botched Norris' tire change. Verstappen overtook Norris with four laps left but could not catch Hamilton, to the delight of most of the 164,000 fans attending the race.

British GP results (top 5): 1. L Hamilton (Mercedes), 2: M Verstappen (Red Bull), 3. L Norris (Mclaren), 4. O Piastri (Mclaren), 5. C Sainz (Ferrari).

Abhishek sizzles as India win

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

WHEN Abhishek Sharma got out for a duck on debut in the first T20I against Zimbabwe on Saturday, he probably would have been gutted. At the same time, he would have taken heart from the fact that a long list of Indian cricketing legends had a similar start in international cricket. MS Dhoni (ODIs and T20Is), Shikhar Dhawan (ODIs), Sachin Tendulkar (ODIs), the list goes on.

And the opener did not take long to turn things around. He smashed a 46-ball century in the second T20I against Zimbabwe on Sunday that helped India post a 100-run victory.

While the hundred itself is a gratifying feat, what Abhishek and India would take heart from is the circumstances it came in. India had lost Shubman Gill early and a couple of wickets would have meant another collapse like Saturday. So, Abhishek, along with Ruturaj Gaikwad, played sensibly. The occasional boundaries came, but after eight overs, India just only 49/1. Gaikwad had one four to his name while Abhishek had a six and a couple of boundaries. The southpaw, at the time, was batting on 28 from 24 balls. But then, things changed.

The left-hander hit a six and a four of Sikandar Raza in the ninth over and followed it up with three boundaries and two maximums of Dion Myers in the eleventh. In a matter of 18 balls, India went to 102/1 and Abhishek 67 off 36. In the next ten balls he faced, Abhishek smashed 33 runs, including four sixes, reaching his hundred in just 46 balls. **Brief scores:** India 234/2 in 20 ovs (Abhishek 100, Ruturaj 77 n.o) bt Zimbabwe 134 in 18.4 ovs (Wessly 43; Mukesh 3/37, Avesh 3/15).

Abhishek Sharma celebrates after reaching his ton against Zimbabwe | AP

Brits hits another fifty before rain ends play

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE second T20I between India and South Africa was called off mid-match due to rain here on Sunday. South Africa scored 177 for six in the first innings before the rain intervened. India won the toss and opted to bowl first, hoping to stay ahead of the DLS par score with Uma Chetry making her debut in place of Richa Ghosh.

Tazmin Brits, the half-centurion from the previous game, got an early reprieve when Chetry completed a stumping but a part of her glove was ahead of the stumps. The 33-year-old made her luck count to hit another half-century. Despite losing captain Laura Wolvaardt and Marizanne Kapp early, Anneke Bosch stuck with Brits to take the visitors past 100. India made a solid comeback with the ball in the middle overs. However, South Africa added 31 runs in the final two overs to finish on 177.

Brief scores: SA 177/6 in 20 ovs (Brits 52, Bosch 40; Deepti 2/20) vs India.

Tazmin Brits | PTI

THE AMERICAN ACADEMIC DREAM

WHY INDIAN STUDENTS FLOCK TO THE U.S.

RECENTLY, at the US Consulate in Hyderabad, 10,000 visa slots were filled within five minutes, leaving many students stranded and prompting the consulate to extend the student visa season by two weeks. This situation highlights the academic 'American Dream' pursued by numerous Indian students aspiring to study abroad. "Studying here has always been a dream of mine, and I'm incredibly excited to finally be here," says Yukta Kulkarni, who is pursuing an MS in Construction Management at Northeastern University, Boston.

So, what makes the American academic dream so compelling? What does America offer that is so enticing to international students?

ALLURE OF THE ACADEMIC 'DREAM'

The American academic dream is a compelling pursuit for many students worldwide, particularly those from India. The US offers an array of opportunities that are difficult to find elsewhere, making it an attractive destination for higher education. Several factors contribute to this allure, including the presence of top-tier universities, a robust alumni network, and a prestigious global reputation. Students and experts point to these factors as the primary reasons for choosing the US for their studies.

"I have always had my eyes on the US because it is at the forefront of technology," says Ayaachi Jha, who recently gained admission to the University of Chicago for a master's programme. Echoing Ayaachi's sentiment, Tarun Joshi, pursuing his MS in Engineering Management from Northeastern University, Boston says, "I was confident and resolute in my decision to choose the US."

THE GROWING NUMBERS

The popularity of the US as a global study destination has been unwavering and continues to grow. According to Oxford International's Student Global Mobility Index of 2022, a remarkable 69% of respondents preferred the US for their higher education. This trend is particularly pronounced among Indian students, with enrollment in US universities surging by 35% in the 2022-23 academic year.

In an interview with *EdexLive*, the Spokesperson at the US Consulate General Hyderabad states, "Each year for the past three years, Indian students have been travelling to the US in record numbers to pursue higher education. The US welcomes all international students and is proud to be the destination of choice for Indian students."

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

Last year, the US issued a record 1,40,000 student visas. In fact, year after year, there has been an increase in the number of students applying for US visas

Ankur Nyati, President, upGrad Abroad

Optional Practical Training: Another reason to study in US

Optional Practical Training (OPT) is a temporary employment programme allowing international students with F-1 visas to work in the United States for a period to gain practical experience in their field of study.

According to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) data, over 100,000 foreign graduates participated in OPT employment in 2022, with more than 60,000 of these graduates from STEM fields. The top employers were Amazon and Google. India leads as the country of origin for these employees, followed by China and South Korea.

THE WORLD LEADER AND THE INDIAN DIASPORA

Thus, America's reputation as a global leader extends beyond politics and technology to the realm of academia. The US is home to some of the best universities in the world, consistently ranking high in global assessments. Institutions such as the California Institute of Technology (Caltech), Stanford University, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) frequently appear in the top 10 of THE World University Rankings 2024. In the 2024 rankings, eight out of the top 10 universities were American, including Harvard University and the University of Chicago.

Similarly, the QS World University Rankings for 2024 list MIT, Stanford University, and Harvard University in the top five. These universities are renowned for their strong academic performance, favourable faculty-to-student ratios, and stellar international reputations. The prestige of these institutions is a significant draw for students worldwide, promising a world-class education and unparalleled career opportunities.

Ankur Nyati, President of upGrad Abroad, notes, "The US is considered the world leader in tech. For decades, the country has been known as a land of opportunities, and the success of the Indian diaspora in the US reinforces this. Indian students are naturally attracted to the 'American Dream'. The US education system caters to students of all levels and disciplines, offering highly-ranked institutions, leading research, multicultural classrooms, and excellent job opportunities."

Ayaachi Jha, student
US is the land of best opportunities for university-related, start-ups, networking and all other kinds

CONSULATE SUPPORT

US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti recently announced that President Joe Biden has ordered the US embassy and consulates in India to prioritise Indian student visas. This news comes at a time when countries like Australia are tightening their student immigration laws. Despite the high demand for visa slots, the consulate has adapted to help students secure appointments, extending student (F/M/J) visa slots from mid-May to mid-August. This flexibility will continue in the coming years, the Spokesperson at the US Consulate General Hyderabad informs.

"The US strongly supports educational exchanges with India. We believe our educational ties benefit both countries and build the foundation for the next generation of engagement. We believe that our strong education ties create benefits and advantages for both countries that endure long after degrees are awarded," states the Spokesperson at the US Consulate General Hyderabad.

What are the top courses that students pursue in the US?

DATA from the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) indicates that a significant number of H1B visa holders, who are often international graduates, come from tech backgrounds. This highlights how Science, Technology Engineering, Math (STEM) and management fields make a major chunk of international students in the US. To get a better insight into what are the top courses to pursue in the US and why, EdexLive spoke with Ankur Nyati, President of upGrad Abroad, who shared prominent educational preferences of international students in the US.

"Management and STEM degrees are the most popular for obvious reasons. The US has the world's best business schools, including the likes of Harvard, Stanford, and Wharton. These institutes already have an exceptional track record of producing successful graduates. Similarly, MIT, Carnegie Mellon University, University of California, and Cornell, among others, have the world's best STEM programmes," Nyati says.

Aspirants' preferences

Graduate courses
86.5% of Aspirants

Undergraduate courses
13.5% of Aspirants

Preferred fields of study

1 Management degrees (MBA and others)
55.6% Aspirants
Schools: Harvard, Stanford, Wharton

2 STEM Degrees (Computer Science, IT, AI, Data Science)
28.7% Aspirants
Schools: MIT, Carnegie Mellon, University of California, Cornell

ANKUR NYATI
President, upGrad Abroad

A STUDENT SIMPLIFIES HIS WAY TO A U.S. UNIVERSITY

I researched universities in Massachusetts, applied to many and chose one that fit my interests (example, Harvard University, MIT). I prepared for entrance exams (Graduate Record Examinations - GRE; Test of English as a Foreign Language - TOEFL), gathered recommendations, and submitted applications. After acceptance, I applied for a student visa (F1) and made travel arrangements to Boston — Tarun Joshi, student

Apart from universities, the land of immigrants is also known for its democratic values, and especially for the success of the Indian diaspora with prominent figures of Indian origin leading big companies

SUNDAR PICHAI
CEO of Alphabet Inc and its subsidiary Google LLC
SATYA NADELLA
CEO of Microsoft
INDRA NOOYI
Former CEO and Chairperson of PepsiCo
NEAL MOHAN
CEO of YouTube
AJAY BANGA
President of the World Bank and former CEO of Mastercard

WE LIST THE STEP-BY-STEP APPLICATION PROCESS WITH THE HELP OF UPGRAD ABROAD TO MAKE IT SIMPLE FOR YOU

STEP 1. Apply to a SEVP-approved school

- Choose a Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)-approved school in the United States and apply.
- Upon acceptance, the school registers you in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) and issues a Form I-20.

STEP 2. Pay the SEVIS I-901 fee

- This is a mandatory $350 fee for receiving your SEVIS-generated Form I-20, required for your visa interview.
- Only credit cards are accepted (international transactions should be available).

STEP 3. Fill DS-160 form

- Complete the standard US non-immigrant visa application form, also known as the Non-immigrant Visa Electronic Application (DS-160) form. Please note your Application ID.
- After submission, a confirmation page with a CEAC barcode will be generated. Save this for scheduling your visa appointment.

AYAACHI JHA University of Chicago

The visa process is fairly simple. First, you need to complete a DS-160 form, which requires basic information about your work and education. The next step, securing an appointment, is the most challenging part of the process, especially if you are running late. Since it operates on a first-come, first-served basis, you need to keep an eye out for available slots. Once you secure a slot, you attend an interview at the consulate, where they verify your documents, and you are all set.

STEP 4. Visa slot-booking

- Use the CEAC barcode to book an appointment at a US Embassy or Consulate. It is a barcode starting with AA followed by eight digits. Keep looking for available slots.
- Pay the visa application fee and prepare the required documents, including your I-20 form, DS-160 confirmation page, passport, and photos.

THE VISA FEE CAN BE PAID VIA

- **Cash:** Over the Counter (Axis Bank & Citibank)
- UPI through VFS
- Credit/Debit Card

TARUN JOSHI Northeastern University

Start early, be prepared, and don't hesitate to ask for help from your university's international student office!

STEP 5 Visa interview

- Present your Form I-20 and demonstrate your intention to study and return to India after your studies.
- Be ready to provide additional documentation.

STEP 6 Visa approval

- Upon approval, plan your travel to the US. Always comply with the terms of F-1 visa to maintain status.

WHAT IS THE BEST TIME TO APPLY FOR A VISA?

Apply as soon as you receive your Form I-20 and have all required documents. Early application increases your chances of securing a timely visa appointment.

TYPES OF VISAS:

F-1 visa:
- For full-time academic students in accredited institutions.
- Limited on-campus employment (20 hours per week) is allowed; off-campus work requires United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) authorisation.
- Duration includes the programme length plus a 60-day grace period.

M-1 visa:
- For vocational or technical students.
- Limited work opportunities and requires proof of sufficient funds.

J-1 visa:
- For exchange visitors in practical training programmes, including au pairs & research scholars.

SPOKESPERSON AT US CONSULATE GENERAL HYDERABAD

"...one out of every 10 US visa applicants across the world today comes from India. The US and US universities and colleges welcome Indian students, and there is no limit to the number of Indian students who may apply and study"

WHY DOES THE U.S. REJECT A VISA?

ANKUR NYATI, President, upGrad Abroad

MAJOR REASONS FOR REJECTION ARE...

- Mismatch of academic background to the degree to which admission is sought. For example, an applicant for a PG course should possess a UG background.
- Another concern is if the aspirant's academic profile is strong, but they enroll in a Tier III university and vice versa.
- Failure to have the required minimum sum in their bank accounts. Even if they are receiving scholarships or are going for loans, it is essential to have a minimum bank balance to reassure the consulate of the ability to meet financial needs while staying in the US.
- A few students fail the interview if they lack communication skills or become too nervous to coherently answer all questions.

Straight from the consulate

Most Indian student visa applicants in India will receive the visa on their first try, so we encourage students to not focus on denials.
There are a number of reasons why a visa could be denied, the most common being that an applicant was not able to demonstrate their intention to return to India.

DOES THE US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION INFLUENCE THE DECISIONS OF INDIAN STUDENTS WHEN CHOOSING TO STUDY IN THE US? IF SO, HOW AND WHY?

ANKUR NYATI, PRESIDENT, UPGRAD: Historically, no government has been against organised immigration that serves the greater good. Immigration of students is, in fact, essential for US varsities who rely on them to meet their revenue demands. Similarly, the immigration of skilled people is essential to fill job shortages.

SPOKESPERSON AT US CONSULATE GENERAL HYDERABAD: While some students do consider how government policies will impact them as international students, past and current statistics indicate continued interest in the US as the top international study destination. The US and its higher educational institutions continue to whole-heartedly welcome Indian students and provide unmatched opportunities.

NEHAL NEVLE, ASPIRANT: I feel whatever the result, my decision stays the same, but maybe how I stay in the US will change.

YUKTA KULKARNI, STUDENT: The upcoming elections is giving me anxiety, but I hope the results will prioritise the contributions of international students and promote women's empowerment. Massachusetts has a history of progressive leadership, and I hope that legacy endures. I believe in the unifying power of education!

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DAY'S DIARY

Voyage to India

On this day in 1497, Portuguese explorer Vasco Da Gama set sail from Lisbon to India, with a fleet of four vessels

HISTORIC MILESTONE

Leading an expedition funded by the Portuguese government, Vasco da Gama become the first European explorer to reach India by the sea

NEW ROUTE

As Spain focussed on the New World, Portugal aimed eastward, targetting Asia for its lucrative trade goods like gold, spices, and silk

VICEROY

In 1524, he was nominated as the Portuguese viceroy in India and sent to deal with the corruption among Portuguese authorities

CE's guide to happenings in the city

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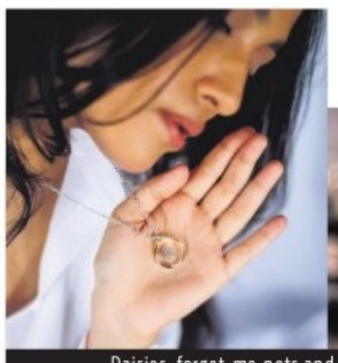
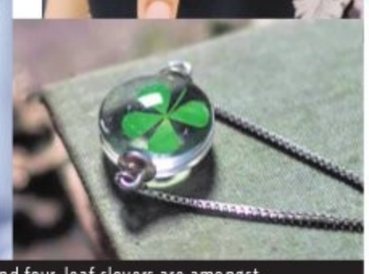
A PERSONAL TOUCH

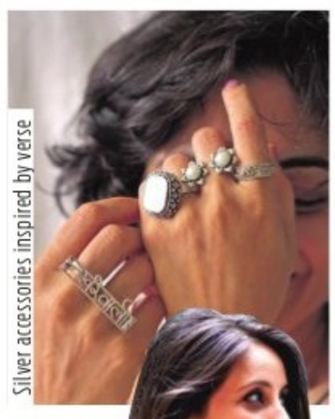
From poetry-infused designs to botanical wonders, these B'luru designers are redefining what it means to wear jewellery with their unique and thoughtful creations





Daisies, forget-me-nots and four-leaf clovers are amongst the favourites in botanical jewellery

A brass Bohemian hair cage bun



Silver accessories inspired by verse

POOJA DAS

GONE are the days when jewellery was merely about opulence and aesthetics. Today, it embodies personal stories, beliefs, and that 'something more' that defines one's identity. In this space, Bengaluru-based designers are crafting connections that nurture a deeper bond between the wearer and their accessories.

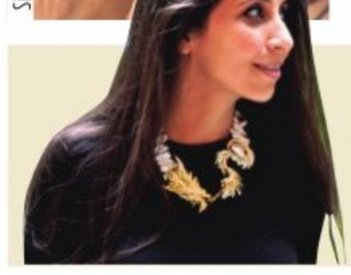
Inspired by the design philosophy of 'wear your emotion' Bengaluru-based silver jewellery brand Quirksmith creates collections that range from empowering stories to daily affirmations designed to help you feel closer to their ideal selves. "My sister and I were raised in a nurturing environment that encouraged us to share, especially with our father," reflects co-founder Divya Batra Das, adding, "He used to share these sayings that kept me going. I thought that more people might need this affirmation and that was where the idea of 'wear your emotions' developed – to incorporate these words into jewellery for others."

Das believes that today's generation seeks authenticity and meaning above all else. "People are becoming more sensitive. This generation cares about the story behind the jewellery, who is making it, and its eco-friendliness. Authentic thought and intent have become important, especially for the younger generation, who want their purchases to reflect their beliefs," says Das.

Echoing this sentiment, designer and co-founder of the Bohemian Store, Ishani, says, "Every piece I design has a story behind it. It's not just for the sake of beauty. There is a symbolism behind everything." Ishani's collections are rich with ancient symbols like the hamsa (swan) and the evil eye, aimed at infusing spirituality into everyday accessories. Choosing brass as her primary material is a nod to ancestral practices. "The designs are already there; I just bring the story to people who want to wear something they believe in," highlights Ishani, noting that many of her customers are largely from metros – Bengaluru and Mumbai.

Pallavi Foley, a bespoke jewellery designer, also believes that many people seek a way to connect with their faith and make it part of their tangible selves, as exemplified by her collection 'Wear Your Prayers.' "It should connect with you on different levels, making you feel strong and give you a positive vibe. It shouldn't feel like something cold and impersonal. The clearer the expression, the easier it is for people to communicate their identities," shares Foley.

When it comes to forging identities through jewellery, Supriya Donthi, a nature enthusiast and founder of the botanical jewellery brand Leafy Affair, began her unique journey eight years ago. "When I first started, botanical jewellery was something that did not exist at all in India," she explains. Donthi's passion for nature and background in biotechnology led her to create pieces that encapsulate bits of nature, such as daisies and dandelions, in resin lockets. "It took me a long time to build the category itself, and it is only in the last few years that people have started discovering us," says Donthi. Her collections are planned around seasons and occasions, with flowers chosen for their symbolic meanings. Among some of the popular pieces are forget-me-nots for romantic couples and four-leaf clover bracelets, which gained popularity after being mentioned in the hit K-drama *Queen of Tears*. "Our generation values meaningful associations over material things. Jewellery has to mean something to them," emphasises Donthi.



Designs should connect with you... It shouldn't feel like something cold and impersonal

Pallavi Foley, jewellery designer

Sip, Chat & Play

Many Bengalureans are flocking to pubs, not just for a drink, but to engage in various activities, reviving the charm of old-fashioned socialising

MONIKA MONALISA

AUTHOR Shoba Narayan is no stranger to reading sessions or book events. However, her reading session for her recent book, *Namma Bangalore: The Soul of a Metropolis*, at The Biere Club was a completely different experience. The setting and crowd were unfamiliar, but the new faces were a breath of fresh air. "As an author, you always want to expand your readership. Hosting a reading session at a brewery or any kind of watering hole is different from holding one at a bookstore or café. The audience you get is refreshing," says Narayan.

It's not just book readings; many clubs are hosting various evening events for friends to gather at pubs. Ritika Bhushan found the dance nights at 21st Amendment Gastrobar, Indiranagar, particularly interesting. A regular attendee, Bhushan enjoys these events as a fun way to meet new people rather than just having a drink. "I am not a huge fan of clubbing, but I frequently attend these dance nights. They offer salsa, bachata, and kizomba, and the music keeps changing," says Bhushan. With each music change, dance partners also change, providing a fun way to make new friends.

For those into geeky activities, many pubs offer quiz nights. Sukalyan Sen, always keen on testing his knowledge, was introduced to trivia nights at a pub by a colleague. New to the city, he found this a better way to hang out with friends or make new ones than just drinking. "I attend the quiz and meet like-minded people who are equally passionate about trivia nights," says Sen. "Since it's set in a pub, these are light-hearted events. If you win, great, but even if you don't, you're having fun with friends."

The desire to do more than just catch up over a drink sparked the idea of exploring post-work activities. Aditi Rao, owner of K-OS The Game Bar, notes that too much gadget time has driven people to seek alternatives. "People are tired of meeting online; they want real-time conversations. Most discussions revolve around TV shows, sport, and movies. We realised people love shows like *Friends*, *The Office* and *Family Guy*, so instead of just coffee table conversations, we made it a quiz evening. We have many regulars at these nights, and sometimes, they come not for a drink, but to have fun in an old-fashioned way," says Rao.

A book reading session in progress

Dance night at 21st Amendment

Short & Impactful

The fourth edition of the Bengaluru Short Play Festival will take place over the weekend and will premiere with seven short dramas

MONIKA MONALISA

TOUTED as one of its kind, the Bengaluru Short Play Festival(BSPF) is back with its fourth edition. Organised by Pravara Theatre in collaboration with Ashvaghosha Theatre Trust, the final round of the festival is going to happen on July 13. Keeping with the theme of equality, this year this festival aims to provide a platform to showcase impactful short plays. "We usually look for a relevant theme in today's society, and this year we thought of going with the theme of equality. Equality has been a topic of discussion for years, only the context we use it in has become broader," says Hanu Ramasanjeeva, founder of Pravara Theatre.

The festival started with the first round of the competition on June 30, with participation from 15 teams. "Seven teams have been selected by the jury for the finale. Six were supposed to be selected but all of them were good so that we included the seventh," says Ramasanjeeva, adding, "All the seven teams selected have a different story on equality. They explore topics like LGBTQ issues, gender inequality and societal inequalities which we tend to ignore in our everyday routine."

Having its inaugural festival in 2021, the festival has created a niche for itself. "The stories have to be original and all the selected plays will be premiered on the day of the finale," he says. The festival has the categories of best play (jury choice), best play (audience choice), and best director, among others.

(The Bengaluru Short Play Festival will be held at KEA Prabhath Rangamandira, Basaveshwaranagar on July 13)

GRUB HUB

Aslam Gafoor (@aslamgafoor) is a hospitality professional with experience in business development, sales and marketing with well-known hotels, and food and beverage companies. A few of his passions are travel, food and wine, and he enjoys sharing these experiences as a columnist.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'** The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Monday. The first prize winner will win a voucher worth ₹1,000 from Thelagram - JP Nagar**

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Hákarl 2) Foie Gras 3) Fugu

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3) Rama Rao

XPRESS FOCUS

Pavithra Halkatti Leads Tribute to Visionaries at Dr P.G. Halkatti Foundation's National Awards

(L-R standing) Dr Manu Baligar, H K Patil, Pavithra Halkatti, and Sheela Halkatti
(L- R sitting) Dr Prabhakar Kore, Dr Shivacharya Swamiji Sanehalli, and Dr Tejaswini Ananthkumar

Dr. P. G. Halkatti Foundation recently organised its prestigious national annual award ceremony in a glittering event in the city.

The event was spearheaded by Pavithra Halkatti, Founder Trustee of the Foundation. Pavithra is a lawyer as well as a social entrepreneur, educationist, and philanthropist. She is the great-granddaughter of Vachana Pitamaha Dr. P. G. Halkatti, a renowned social reformer, towering literary figure, and senior politician, and the granddaughter of M. Rajshekara Murty, a distinguished politician in Karnataka and the central government of India.

The ceremony's chief guest was H. K. Patil, Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs and Tourism Department.

He presented the awards to three awardees—Dr. Pandiraradhya Shivacharya Swamiji Sanehalli, Dr. Prabhakar Kore, and Dr. Tejaswini Ananthakumar—for their immense contributions in the fields of literature, education, and philanthropy respectively. A sum of Rs. 1 lakh was awarded to each of the awardees on behalf of the foundation.

Sheela Hara Halkatti, trustee of Dr. P. G. Halkatti Foundation, delivered the welcome speech and Nadoja Dr. Manu Baligar, former President of Kannada Sahitya Parishat and advisory trustee of Dr. P. G. Halkatti Foundation, delivered the keynote address.

Pavithra Halkatti

Several prominent people of the city attended the prestigious event and were seen enjoying the live music by the troupe of Rajeshwari Sadar and Kavitha Sadar, which was then followed by dinner.

Spotted among the guests were former Minister Rani Satish, former Minister Leela Devi Prasad, former MLC B. Chidanand, Suma Chidanand, popular Kannada actor Chetan Ahimsa, and several officers of the IAS and IPS cadres.

CITY READ

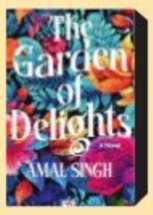
Seminar highlighting role of local languages in fintech organised

Canara Bank organised an All India Seminar on July 4, at the Canara Bank Centre of Excellence in Gurugram. The seminar, conducted under the aegis of the Coordination Committee on Training in Hindi, College of Agricultural Banking, Reserve Bank of India, focused on the topic 'Role of Indian Languages in Promoting Fintech for Digital India'. Anshuli Arya, secretary of the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, was the chief guest. The event was presided over by Ashok Chandra, executive director of Canara Bank. Arya expressed her happiness that technical work is now conducted in regional languages. She highlighted the relevance of the seminar's topic and noted that banking services are provided in up to 12 regional languages along with Hindi. She hopes that more regional languages will be included in the future to extend banking services to remote areas.

BOOK NOOK

Family Lore
by Elizabeth Acevedo

Flor has a gift: she can predict when someone will die. So when she decides to have a living wake — a party to bring her family and community together to celebrate the long life she's led — her sisters Matilde, Pastora, and Camila are surprised. Has Flor foreseen her own death, or someone else's?



The Garden of Delights
by Amal Singh

In Sirvassa, petals are currency, and flowers are magic. The caretaker tends to the Garden of Delights here and imparts temporary magical abilities to the citizens while battling a curse of eternal old age. When a young girl gains the power to change reality, he believes he's found a cure. But as a magical rot threatens his garden, they must join forces to stop it.

Sunbathing
by Isobel Beech

It follows the story of a young woman who is invited to stay with her friends Giulia and Fab at Fab's family home in the mountains of Abruzzo in the month prior to their wedding.

Strange Sally Diamond
by Liz Nugent

Following her late father's instructions to put him out with the trash, Sally becomes the focus of the media, the police, and a sinister figure from her forgotten past. As she uncovers childhood horrors, threatening messages disrupt her newfound stability.

IMMERSIVE JOURNEY

Actors from *Hang-In-There!*, a theatrical clowning show, put up a fun-filled performance at the Bangalore International Centre on Saturday | ALLEN E GENUSE J

QUICKFIX

STICKY LEMON CHICKEN

INGREDIENTS

- **Chicken breasts:** 2
- **Egg:** 1
- **Cornflour:** 2 tbsp
- **Soy sauce:** 1 tbsp
- **Vegetable oil:** 200 ml
- **Spring onion:** 1
- **Sesame seeds:** 1 tbsp
- **Lemon:** 1/2

FOR SAUCE

- **Soy sauce:** 1 tbsp
- **Honey:** 1 tbsp
- **Juice of 1 and a half lemons**
- **Cornstarch:** 1 tsp corn flour mixed with 100 ml of chicken stock

METHOD

- Mix the diced chicken with an egg and soy sauce, and then toss it in corn flour until coated.
- Heat vegetable oil in a pan and place the chicken in it. Fry it for 8-10 minutes, flipping halfway, until crispy. ● Meanwhile, combine the ingredients for the sauce in a bowl.
- Once crispy, remove the chicken from the pan. In the same pan, add the sauce ingredients and simmer for 2 minutes until slightly thicker.
- Mix the sauce well, and then add the chicken back to the pan.
- Garnish and serve it with rice or noodles.

Contributed by **Lavanya S**, Chennai

ASK AN XPERT

DR VIVEK ARORA
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The expert is a senior veterinarian, Dr Gandhi's Pet Clinic, Delhi.

My 6.5-year-old female and neutered dog sleeps 5–6 hours at a stretch, interrupted only by meal times. Is this just the effect of summer?

Let me start by saying that I am jealous of such a life! After all, who would mind a life with "eat, sleep, love me" being showered upon all the time? There are many factors that can cause such an activity in your pet, apart from summers. Lack of mental stimulation might be one reason, and this can be enhanced with treats, toys, and play. Encourage your pet to build a companionship with another pet and also evaluate her for endocrine issues like hypothyroidism. Provide her treats only when she acts or behaves in a manner that is different from her normal activity. Hiding her favourite things and changing the place where you keep her food can also mentally stimulate her, as she will try looking for them.

FITBIT

KNEELING POSE HANDS TO BACK

This is a variation and a preparatory pose for the foundational pose, Kneeling Pose, with the difference of placing the hands on the lower back for better support and balance. The action of hands at the back helps in broadening the chest and shoulder and ensures the efficient functioning of the intercostal muscles. Hence, on a subtle level, this pose helps stimulate the Anahata (heart) Chakra. It strengthens the knees and legs and develops core strength and stability in the body.

STEPS

- Start in Dandasana, with your legs kept together and your hands by your side.
- Inhale, bend your legs, and place your feet below the buttocks, with your toes touching each other and your heels kept apart.
- Sit in Vajrasana with your hands on the thighs. Take a few breaths here. Raise your spine and push your lower back onto the heels below you.
- Inhale, stand on your knees, and raise your body with your back kept straight.
- Engage your core by pushing your navel inward. Roll down your shoulders and avoid tilting the pelvis.
- Ensure that the knees, hips, and shoulders are kept in one line.
- Stand in Kneeling Pose and loop your shoulders back to place your hands on the hips at the lower back. Take your shoulder behind you while holding your hips.
- Stay here for about six deep breaths or as per your capacity. Keep your core engaged and bring your elbows closer to each other.
- Ensure that your knees and feet are kept together. Keep breathing.
- Keep your stomach tucked in, your spine straight, and your facial muscles relaxed.
- To release, inhale, and exhale while lowering your hips back on the heels in Vajrasana. Get back to Dandasana.
- Finally, release and relax in Balasana.

BENEFITS

- Acts as a knee-strengthening pose.
- Helps strengthen the lower abdominal and pelvic muscles.
- Tones the legs, spine, and pelvic floor muscles.
- Stabilises the upper body and chest.
- Helps awaken a deeper consciousness.
- Improves focus and concentration.
- Helps boost energy levels.
- Stabilises the mind and body.
- Improves brain function, increasing alertness.
- Balances the seven chakras and enables the flow of prana (the life force).

LIMITATIONS

- People with injuries to their knees, ankles, lower back, or legs, or who have undergone any recent abdominal surgery, have weak knees or arthritis or knee pain, high blood pressure, vertigo, dizziness, balancing issues, or have nervous ailments like epilepsy, trauma, or anxiety, should avoid this.
- Initially, do with the support of yoga props like a chair or table.
- Senior citizens and pregnant women should practise slowly under the guidance of a yoga expert.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

A Night of Glamour

Experience a ladies' night unlike any other – filled with music, glamour, and an exciting DJ who keeps the night alive with multilingual tunes.

When: July 10, 7pm
Where: Toy Boy, Binnipete
Details: bookmyshow.com

Poetry Delight

Join fellow enthusiasts at this recital featuring Robina Farooq's profound poetry.

When: July 9, 7.30pm
Where: Urban Solace Café, Halasuru
Call: 9845013055

Adrenaline Rush

Enjoy an unforgettable day filled with a thrilling rides and family-friendly fun at this amusement park. Head on out with loved ones and create memories to last a lifetime.

When: July 8, 11AM
Where: Wonderla Amusement Park, Mysore Road
Details: bookmyshow.com

Weekday Wit

Prepare for unstoppable laughter with top comedians at Brewing Jokes, a standup comedy event to make your weekdays unforgettable.

When: July 10, 9.30pm
Where: 1 Bar House Kitchen, Koramangala
Details: bookmyshow.com

Diverse Realities

Witness *Kohinoor*, a Hindi play featuring stories of four women from diverse backgrounds, and profound messages that leaves one thinking.

When: July 10, 7.30pm
Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
Details: bookmyshow.com

Musical Evening

Join Mollywood trendsetter **Vineeth Srinivasan** for a night of mesmerising music, filled with your favorite songs.

When: July 13, 7pm
Where: Phoenix Market City, Whitefield
Call: 080 4962 6111

Ode to Queer Love

Watch *Amma Mattu Suhail*, a Kannada play that delves into the emotional depths of queer love and today's divided humanity.

When: July 8, 7pm
Where: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur **Details:** bangaloreinternationalcentre.org

ARTCORNER

HORSING AROUND

A doctor and artist Sushma Mahajan finds a cathartic escape from her demanding professional life in watercolour painting. Her artistic expression is to excavate beauty from the darkest moments of life.

Hazelnut choco spread (homemade Nutella)

Ingredients

- Hazelnut - 300 gm
- Olive oil - 1 to 2 tbsp
- Cocoa powder - 1 tsp (or more if you like a strong cocoa punch)
- Flax seed powder - 1 tsp
- Jaggery powder or brown sugar 3-4 tbsp (as per taste)
- Melted chocolate - 10 tbsp (or more as you like)

Method

Roast hazelnuts in an oven at 150 degrees for 8-10 minutes or roast on the stovetop on low flame. This is crucial in getting a smooth paste. To a grinder add the roasted nuts and the rest of the ingredients and grind to a fine smooth paste. Store in an airtight container. It will stay good at room temperature for 2 to 3 days, and if kept in the refrigerator, it can last up to 3 months or more.

By Jeemol Koruth Verghese

Millet chia choco bowl with yoghurt & fruits

Ingredients

- Ragi flakes - 1/4 cup
- Chia seed - 2 tbsp
- Milk - 100 ml
- Date paste - 3 tbsp
- Honey - as per taste
- Yoghurt - 1 cups
- Cocoa powder - 1/2 tsp

Method

To a bowl, add ragi flakes, chia seeds, date paste, yoghurt, honey and cocoa powder paste (for the paste add some milk to the cocoa powder). Mix everything, and make sure to add milk in small quantities in between. Let it set for 30 minutes at room temperature or overnight in the refrigerator for better flavour. Add more milk if you want to adjust the consistency. Garnish with chocolate chips, your choice of fruits and nuts.

Chocolate trifle with caramelised apple

By Priya Kolassery

For custard

- Milk: 1 cup
- Sugar: 1 tbsp
- Egg yolks: 3
- Cocoa powder: 1 tbsp
- Vanilla essence 1 tsp

For berry filling

- Blueberry / blackcurrant
- Hot water: 3tbsp
- Sugar: 1 tsp

For caramelised apple

- Apple: 1
- Sugar : 2 tbsp
- Butter - 1/4 tsp

For the berry filling

Soak the berries in a lukewarm water for 15 minutes. Add 1 tsp sugar and cook it on low flame. Keep it aside.

For caramelised apple

Peel the skin of the apple and chop them into fine cube pieces. To a pan, melt two tablespoons of sugar until it turns brown. Then add butter to it. Put the chopped apple pieces to it and mix well. Keep it aside and let it cool down for a while.

How to set the trifle

To a tall glass, add the berry mix, then chocolate custard and on top add the caramelised apples.

Method: In a bowl, add the yolk of three eggs, sugar and vanilla essence. Mix well. Heat the milk in a pan. From this, take half a cup of milk and add to the egg mixture, mix continuously. Add some cocoa powder to the remaining mix and stir well. Pour it into the egg mixture. Now, keep aside this to cool down.

No-Bake Chocolate Tart

By Sheeba La Fleur

Ingredients

- Digestive biscuit: 15 pieces
- Butter: 6 tbsp (Melted)
- Butter (Soften): 4 tbsp
- Dark Chocolate : 300gm
- Heavy cream: 1 cup
- Brown sugar: 3 tbsp
- Salt: 1 pinch
- Vanilla essence : 1 tsp
- Whipped Cream (For topping): 1 tbsp

Method: Take 15 pieces of digestive biscuits and crush them in a chopper. Add 6 tbsp of melted butter and mix them well for a fine crumbly crust. Pour these crumbles into the 9-inch bottom tart pan and gently press down for an even tart crust. Refrigerate the tart crust for 20 minutes for the set.

Take the 300 grams of semi-sweet dark chocolate and cut them into fine pieces. Now for double boiling, in a deep pot, boil some water. In a large glass bowl, add the chopped chocolate and place the bowl on top of the boiling water to melt the chocolate. Add 1 cup of heavy cream to the bowl. Add 3 tbsps of brown sugar, 4 tbsps of soft butter, a pinch of salt, 1 tsp vanilla essence and crushed chocolate in the heavy cream. Stir well to completely melt the chocolate. Pour the chocolate filling into the cold tart crust. Refrigerate the tart overnight or until set. Add whipped cream and sprinkle ground coffee or chocolate before serving.

MAHIMA ANNA JACOB

With World Chocolate Day having been celebrated on Sunday, *CE* explores the origins of chocolate, its spread to South India, and the history of slavery entwined with its production

BROWN BEAUTY

THE food of gods! That's how chocolate was known back in the day. Of course, the smooth, melt-in-the-mouth sensation is nothing short of a divine experience.

However, mythical and mystical it sounds, it was a Swedish scientist – Carl Linnaeus – who named the cocoa plant Theobroma cacao, inspired by the Latin word Theobroma, meaning food of the gods.

Chocolate's association with the gods began in Mesoamerica (today's Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador). The people of the region believed cacao was gifted to humans by a feathered serpent god known as Kukulkan. Until the 16th century, chocolate only existed in Mesoamerica. However, not in the form that we know of.

In 1900 BCE, the indigenous people of Mesoamerica used the native cacao to create a drink. But nothing similar to the sweet hot chocolate of recent years. It was a bitter drink frothing with foam. The earliest records state that to make the drink, cocoa beans were ground and mixed with cornmeal and chilli peppers.

The Aztecs, a major civilisation in Mesoamerica, used cacao beans as currency and even drank the invigorating concoction during royal feasts and sometimes as a reward to soldiers for success in battle.

In 1519 CE, the chocolate had a transatlantic encounter when Hernan Cortes, the governor of New Spain, visited Tenochtitlan, the ancient capital of the Aztecs. King Moteuczoma greeted the visitor by pouring 50 jugs of the chocolate drink into golden cups. When the Spanish invaded and colonised the areas where chocolate was found, they took the source of the 'rich person's beverage' for their own use. Some colonists returned with shipments of the cacao beans, and as they reached the other side, the beans were given the reputation as an aphrodisiac.

However, the initial responses to chocolate in Europe were mixed. Though the Spanish crown relished the drink, many in Europe rejected it, because of its association with the indigenous people.

To make chocolate appealing to Europeans, they were informed of cacao's curative qualities, such as its ability to soothe upset stomachs. Soon they became a popular delicacy when sweetened with sugar, vanilla, or honey. The aristocratic houses of Spain even had dedicated chocolate ware. From Spanish, the delicacy gradually found its space among the French and Italians as well as they included milk and added sugar. For the British, the drink was a thick and delicious concoction.

During this timeline, the chocolate was merely a drink, it got shaped into other forms only in the 19th century, with the launch of the cocoa press by Coenraad van Houten of Amsterdam. This separated cocoa's natural fat aka cocoa butter and also formed the cocoa powder. In 1875, a Swiss chocolatier named Daniel Peter formed the milk chocolate bars by adding powdered milk to the mix. As slowly such inventions came to the fore, by the 20th century, chocolate was no longer a luxury.

Not so sweet past

The production of chocolate is time-consuming. And that meant plantations in the Caribbean and on islands off the coast of Africa started using slave labour. Enslaved people from African countries became the primary source for most of the cultivating process, which included growing the beans, picking them and manually grinding them to paste.

Since cocoa can be grown only near the equator, to meet the massive demand, the production itself shifted to West Africa, instead of shipping slaves to South American plantations.

The chocolate industry grew, but human rights abuses persisted. Many plantations in West Africa employed slave and child labour, with reports estimating that over two million children were affected. Even to date, atrocities continue in many parts.

All the way to India

The British introduced cacao to India in 1798, establishing eight Criollo-type plantations in Courtallam in Tamil Nadu. Cocoa farming became a significant agricultural pursuit in the mid-1960s when British confectionary giant Cadbury set up operations in Wayanad. However, the Criollo variety from Central America was eventually deemed fragile for local conditions and was replaced by higher-yielding Amazonian Forastero variety, sourced from West Africa and Malaysia.

In the 1960s and 70s, extensive cacao cultivation happened in South India. Due to the favourable climate, Kerala, Madras and Myskr were picked as prime locations for growing cacao. Later on, Nagercoil, Tenkasi, Palani Hills and Anamalai Hills.

And now, this once-divine and luxury product has now become the most popular ingredient used in both desserts and savoury dishes. It truly is an everyday sweet for the masses.

NUGGETS

School inaugurates robotics lab

Vasavi VidyaNiketan School, Basavangudi inaugurated a new robotics lab recently. The lab was officially opened by secretary general B S Arun Kumar and treasurer CA IS Prasad. The introduction of robotics into the curriculum aims to cultivate students' talents beyond traditional studies. This new lab, dedicated exclusively to robotics, will enhance students' hands-on learning experiences. "We included robotics in our curriculum to ensure that our students become proficient in building robots, preparing them for future demand in this field," said the school principal.

NZ delegates visit BCU for potential collaboration

Representatives of the New Zealand Government visited Bengaluru City University (BCU) on July 3 to discuss potential collaborations. The discussions focused on student and faculty exchanges, internships, and research collaborations in fields such as aviation, veterinary science, space, medical sciences, and more.

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I, **Krishnakishore Reddy** residing at Flat No.1102, A Block, Apas Valmark Apartments, Hulimavu, Opposite Hulimavu Lake, B G Road, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560076, I have changed my name Krishnakishore Reddy (Old Name) to **S. Krishna Kishore Reddy** (New Name) vide Affidavit Dated 06.07.2024before notary **Mohammed Hussain. K, B.A, LLB Advocate & Notary** Public Govt.of India, K.S. Town Kengeri upanagara, Bengaluru - 560060

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Mrs. JAYAMMA**, age 40 years, R/at No. 137, Hirandahalli, Virgonagar Post, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore-560 049 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **JAYAMMA** and **KAVITHA** are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 4th July 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **C. SASIKALA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SYED GHOUSE MUHIYUDDIN**, S/o Late Syed Mohiyuddin, aged about 55 years, R/at Ward No. 12, Near M.W.A. Street, K R Extension, Chinthamani, Chikkaballapura Pin-563125, now at Bangalore, Karnataka, India, have changed my name to **SYED GHOUSE MOHIYUDDIN**, vide affidavit dated 06-07-2024, before Notary **C.V. EARAPPA**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VIDYA CHANDRAMOHAN** D/O Chandramohan Kunjuraman, aged about 47 years, resident of W-105, V M Meadows, V M M Private Road, Railway Undercross, Horamavu Main Road, Horamavu, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560043, have changed my name from **VIDYA SUKUMARAN** to **VIDYA CHANDRAMOHAN**, vide affidavit dated 6/7/2024 sworn to before Sureendar V.P advocate and notary Thiruvanathapuram.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, KARTHIK NARAYAN RAMAKRISHNA, S/o. Late. G.N. Ramakrishna Sastry, No.14, Flat 2, Brindavan Homes, 3rd Main Road, Tata Silk Farm, Basavanagudi, Bangalore- 560004, I have changed my name from RAMAKRISHNA SASTRY NARAYAN KARTHIK to KARTHIK NARAYAN RAMAKRISHNA, before Notary Public D.K. Rameshappa, Bangalore, Notary Register No.933, vide Affidavit on 05-07-2024.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SMRUTHI CHANNAKESWARA BEGUR** Presently residing at No.7, 5th Block, 1 'A' Cross, KHB Colony, Forum Mall, MIG, Koramangala, Bengaluru - 560095. Henceforth changed my minor son's name from **SUMERU SUMANTH GOWDA** to **CHAKRAPANI**, vide Affidavit dated: 22/06/2024 before Notary **T.C.Thimmaraja**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **Ashwathappa C L** And **Mamatha R,** R/a No.9, 1st Floor, 4th Block, Police Quaters Krishanandhanagar, Nandhini Layout, Bengalore 560096. We Have Changed My Daughter's Name From **NAYANITHA.A** TO **THOSHIKA.A.** Vide Affidavit Date: 22/05/2024. Sworn Before Notary: Chandrakala.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **YASEEN SHERIFF** Aged about 25 Years, S/o **K.A. Lathif Shareef** R/at No. 14/A, 14th B Cross, 6th Sector, Near Fernhill Apartments, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560102, have changed my Name From **YASEEN SHERIFF** to **YASEEN SHARIFF** vide affidavit dated: 05/07/2024 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **M M SIPPRITHA** D/o. Mohan Raj S, Aged about 23 years, residing at #5, Sri Sai Nilaya, 5th Cross, L R Bande, Adarshnagar, K B Sandra, Bangalore North, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560032, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **M SIPPRITHA** to **M M SIPPRITHA** and initial **'M M'** expansion of **MAHESWARI MOHANRAJ.** henceforth I shall be known and called as **M M SIPPRITHA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 06/07/2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **LEELA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JAYASHREE SHRIGANESH,** D/o. N.S.Padmanabhan, residing at #W101, Rohan Jharoka Phase-2, Kempapura Main Road, Yemalur, Bellandur, Marathahalli Colony, Bengaluru 560037, have changed my name to **JAYASHREE PADMANABHAN,** vide Affidavit Dated: 04/07/2024, sworn before Notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MAAMTA MAURYA**, W/o Manish Kumar Mourya, R/o Flat No.1006 B-Block, Mahaveer Riviera Apartments, 24th Main Road JP Nagar 5th phase, Bangalore - 560 078, have permanently changed my name from **MAAMTA MAURYA** to **MAMTA MAURYA**, vide affidavit dated 04/07/2024, sworn before Notary L.Puttaraju, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAJENDRA SRIMANT YAMAKANAMARDI,** residing at 1059, 7th Block, 7th Cross, HMT Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560 097 state that my name in Aadhar Card, PAN Card is correctly mentioned as **RAJENDRA SRIMANT YAMAKANAMARDI.** But in my passport it is mentioned as **RAJENDRA YAMAKANAMARDI.** I declare that both the names belong to me only as per affidavit sworn to before K.C. Pemmaiah, Advocate & Notary, Bangalore, on 05.07.2024.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **YATHISH KUMAR MARULASIDDAPPA** aged about 41 years, residing at Flat H-803, 8th Floor, Laurel Heights, Hesaraghatta, Main Road, Mallasandra, Bangalore - 560 057 have changed my name from **YATHIS KUMAR MARULASIDDAPPA** (old name) to **'YATHISH KUMAR MARULASIDDAPPA'** (new name) vide affidavit dated 05.07.2024 before Notary K. Ramegowda, Kodigehalli, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
(Old Name) Kamalan R father of service No 15331056Y Rank Hav Aneesh K Residing at Kattilparambil (House) Vattachal, Arattupuzha (vill & post), Alappuzha (Dist) , Kerala (state),pin 690535 Have changed my Name to **(New name) Kamalan** and DOB 01/07/1951(old) to 01/01/1947 (New)vide Affidavit date 03/07/24 Sworn to before notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) SAVITA KACHROO** Residing at Flat No.304, Pioneer Regency, Kengeri Upanagara, Bangalore-560060, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SAVITA KACHROO** to **(NEW NAME) SAVITA KACHROO HANGLOO** vide affidavit dated 06.07.2024 sworn before Notary Mr.Ravi., Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SATISH HEGDE RAMAMURTHY,** S/o late R. Ramamurthy, aged about 46 years, residing at #211, 14th 'A' Cross, 5th Main, II Block, R.T.Nagar, Bengaluru 560032, declare that correct name of the father of my son **RISHAAN SATISH** is **SATISH HEGDE RAMAMURTHY** but in Class-X (ICSE) Certificate of my son bearing Unique ID No.8181972 name of father is erroneously recorded as **SATISH RAMAMURTHY** vide Affidavit Dated: 06/07/2024, sworn before Notary **MEER HASSAN**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VENKATESH J,** resident of #112, 1st Floor, Sri Venkateshwara Nilaya, Bagalur Main Road, Kattigenahalli, Yelahanka Post, Bengaluru 560064, have changed the name of my minor son from **PRITHVI V to PRITHVI GOWDA V,** vide Affidavit Dated: 04/07/2024, sworn before Notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MAYURI**, W/o Balakrishna Nagaram, R/o No.7, 11th street Jogupalya, near metro station Halasuru, Bangalore - 560008 have permanently changed my name from **MAYURI** to **BALAPALLY MAYURI** vide affidavit dated 04/07/2024 sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MOHAMMED, aged 19 years. S/o Abdul Qadar, resident of No.93, 2nd Floor, 3rd Cross, South Avenue Layout. Opp. B.W.S.S.B Water Tank, Gottigere, Bangalore-560083, have changed my name to **MOHAMMED ABDUL QADAR** vide affidavit dated 20.05.2024 sworn before Advocate & Notary, B. Prasanna, Bangalore

DECLARATION
I, **IRSHAD AHMED MOHUMED AZEEM PATEL** S/O Mohumed Azeem Patel residing at No. 206, N-HIG-B Block No.5, Shiva Mandir Road, 5th phase, Yelahanka New town, Bengaluru-560064. I hereby state that I hold passport port no bearing Z3241575 issued on 13-05-2015, where my name is mentioned wrongly as **PATEL MOHADDIN IRASAD AHMAD** instead of **IRSHADAHMED MOHUMED AZEEM PATEL** and also my father name is wrongly mentioned as **MOHUMED AZEED** instead of **MOHUMED AZEEM PATEL.** Further declare that my correct name is **IRSHADAHMED MOHUMED AZEEM PATEL** and my fathers correct name is **MOHUMED AZEEM PATEL.** Also wish to change my present address to No. 206, N-HIG-B Block No.5, Shiva Mandir Road, 5th phase, Yelahanka New town, Bengaluru-560064 Vide affidavit dated 02.07.2024, sworn before S. Nagaraja.

CHANGE OF NAME
(Old Name) Ramani Mother of service No 15331056Y Rank Hav Aneesh K Residing at Kattilparambil (House) Vattachal, Arattupuzha (vill& post), Alappuzha (Dist) , Kerala (state), pin 690535 Have changed my Name to **(New name) Remani** and DOB 01/07/1958 (old) to 01/01/1957 (New)vide Affidavit date 0 3/07/24 Sworn to before notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUNIL TEJASIVE S,** S/o N. Srinivas, age 25 years, R/at #32/3, 8th Main Road, Hanumanthanagar, Near Seiko Mens Wear, Banashankari 1st Stage, Bangalore-560 050 , Karnataka, India do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SUNIL TEJASVE S** to **SUNIL TEJASIVE S,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SUNIL TEJASIVE S** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 6th July 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MOHAMMED HUSSAIN .K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AKARSH KUMAR REDDY SUDHIR,** S/o Sudhir Venkateshappa, residing @#146, Virupaksha Nilaya, Near Government School, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560 037, have changed my name to **AKARSH KUMAR REDDY,** vide affidavit dated: 06/07/2024, sworn before Notary **N. KANCHIVARADARAJU,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DEVADAS PATHIYL,** S/o. Kandan Kumarath Ramachandran, residing at #625, 17th 'E' Main Road, 62nd Cross, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru 560010, have changed my name to **DEVADAS PATHIYAL NAIR,** vide Affidavit Dated: 06/07/2024, sworn before Notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **TULASI KUMAR**, S/o Balapally Bhadraiah Chetti, R/o No.7 11th street, Jogupalya, near metro station, Halasuru, Bangalore - 560008, have permanently changed my name from **TULASI KUMAR** to **THULASI KUMAR BALAPALLY**, vide affidavit dated 04/07/2024, sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, AMTULLA YUSUF JOHAR, aged 28 years. W/o Mustansir Bhanpurawala, resident of No.93, 3rd Floor, 3rd Cross, South Avenue Layout, Gottigere, Bangalore-560083, have changed my name to **AMTULLA MUSTANSIR BHANPURAWALA** vide affidavit dated 20.05.2024 sworn before Advocate & Notary, B. Prasanna, Bangalore

Chaithra Achar lends her voice to *Roopantara*'s new single 'Kittale'

The film, directed by Mithilesh Edalavath will feature Raj B Shetty in a key role

CE FEATURES

THE makers of *Roopantara* recently unveiled the film's poster along with a new song titled 'Kittale'. Interestingly, actor Chaithra Achar has lent her voice to the track which is composed by Midhun Mukundan and has lyrics penned by Raj B Shetty. The song, which is currently available on the Lighter Buddha Films' YouTube channel, has already garnered massive views from listeners.

Roopantara, directed by Mithilesh Edalavath, brings together the team of Ondu Motteya Kathe, featuring Raj B Shetty in a key role. Interestingly, Raj B Shetty has also written the dialogues for the film.

The film has cinematography by Praveen Sriyan and music by Midhun Mukundan. The film has been edited by Bhuvanesh Manivannan and Praveen Shriyan, ensuring a seamless narrative flow. The ensemble cast of *Roopantara* includes notable names such as Hanumakka, Somashekhar Bolegaon, Lekha Naidu, Bharat GB, Anjan Bhardwaj, Salmin Sharif, and more. Produced by Suhan Prasad and Parth Jani, the film will be distributed under the Lighter Buddha Films banner.

Chaithra Achar

Dhananjay

THE DIRECTOR AND PRODUCER ARE WELL-PREPARED AND PASSIONATE ABOUT *HALAGALI*

...says Dhananjay, who is excited to be part of a period drama directed by Sukesh Nayak and produced by Kalyan Chakravarthy

A ASHARADHAA

WE had earlier reported that with Krishna's exit, Dhananjay was in talks for Sukesh Nayak's historical project *Halagali*. The news now stands confirmed. Set in the pre-Independence era of 1857, the period drama is an intriguing tale rooted in Karnataka's history, showcasing the valour and hardships of the Beda community, known for their first guerilla war against the British. Dhananjay will be seen as a warrior.

Halagali aims to bring to life these historical heroes' rituals, thoughts, and struggles. This ambitious project is produced by Kalyan Chakravarthy, a distributor who has previously produced a Telugu feature film. Vasuki Vaibhav is scoring the music for the upcoming film.

Confirming his presence in the project, Dhananjay shares his thoughts on being a part of the period drama set in the British era. "I read the script, and it was interesting to learn that such an incident took place in our Karnataka. Director Sukesh Nayak has come up with an excellent script. I also watched a few visuals that have been shot, and they look top-notch. I have observed that both the director and the producer are passionate about *Halagali*, and they're also well-prepared. I wanted to be part of this big canvas project," says Dhananjay, who plans to start *Halagali* after completing shoots for *Uttarakaanda* and *Anna From Mexico*, which are in various stages of production.

Apart from *Halagali*, Dhananjay is also part of another historical film, *Nadaprabhu Kempegowda*, which he plans to begin shooting in January 2025. When asked if these projects require extra preparation, Dhananjay says, "I enjoy working on such subjects, no doubt. But a physical transformation is always required to perform these historical characters, which I have to be prepared for."

On being busy with a lineup of interesting projects, Dhananjay says, "I am glad that, like every person who enjoys a 9-to-5 job, I also get to work on sets daily. I am happy to have different and interesting characters to understand and perform."

PRAKASH RAJ TO PLAY 90-YR OLD VILLAGE HEAD IN HALAGALI

Prakash Raj, a versatile and accomplished actor with a diverse portfolio in multiple languages, currently has *Bagheera*, the Dr. Suri directorial starring Sriimurali, and the Allu Arjun-starrer *Pushpa 2*, in the pipeline. Now, we hear that the actor has agreed to be part of the period drama *Halagali*, alongside Dhananjay, playing a pivotal role as Huliyappa Nayaka, a venerable 90-year-old village head. The film's makers plan to commence shooting in October, and more details about his character will be revealed once production begins.

Sukesh Nayak and Kalyan Chakravarthy

Not Out makers introduce interesting promotional strategy

CE FEATURES

IN an innovative move for Kannada cinema, the *Not Out* film team is introducing a new strategy to attract moviegoers. The makers of the film, which is all set to hit theatres on July 19, have announced that the first half of *Not Out* will be screened for free. However, the audience must purchase a ticket to watch the second half. This strategy was announced at the trailer launch event recently

A dark comedy, *Not Out* is produced by V Ravikumar and Shamshuddin A under Rashtrakoota Pictures. Ambarish M is the director of the film, which stars Ajaya Prithvi and Rachana Inder in lead roles. The trailer was unveiled by actor Srinagara Kitty, director Simple Suni, and ambulance driver Hanif, who is known for a remarkable four-hour drive from Mangaluru to Bengaluru.

Speaking to the media, director Ambarish shared insights about the film's origins and said *Not Out* was conceived during the lockdown. Ajaya Prithvi, who plays an ambulance driver, expressed his gratitude for the role. "The film is excellently crafted, and I dedicate my performance to all ambulance drivers," he remarked.

As told by the director in his previous interview with CE, the concept of *Not Out* is inspired by the tiger-sheep game, a popular village pastime along the Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh borders.

Not Out will feature music by Judah Sandy and cinematography by Halesh. With Rachana Inder portraying a nurse, the film will also star Cockroach Sudhee, Gopalkrishna Deshpande, Govindegowda, Ashwin Haasan, Prashant Siddi, Ravi Shankar and Salman.

A still from the film

A still from the film

Vidyarthi Vidyarthiniyare to premiere in Dubai on July 14

CE FERATURES

DIRECTOR Arun Amukta's *Vidyarthi Vidyarthiniyare*, which marks the silver screen debut of noted rapper, Chandan Shetty is set to hit theatres on July 19. This youth-oriented, college-themed film has already generated significant buzz. OMG Company, which holds the UAE distribution rights for the film, has organised a special premiere show in Dubai on July 14.

Produced by Subramanya Kukke and AC Shivalingegowda, The film brings together an ensemble cast including Amar, Bhavana, Manasi, Raghu Ramanakoppa, Vivaan, Bhavya, Sunil Puranik, Aravinda Rao, Sinchana, and Sudhi.

Kumar Gowda has handled the cinematography, while Pawan Gowda has served as the editor. The film will feature action sequences choreographed by Tiger Shiva and Narasimha and music composed by Vijeth Krishna and Vasu Dixit.

KIRAN RAJ'S *RONNY* LOCKS RELEASE DATE

The action-based drama is set to hit theatres on August 30

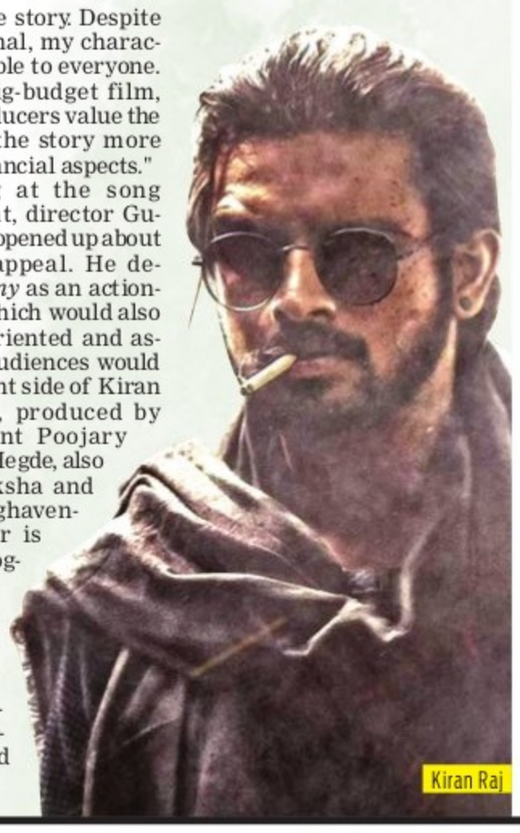
CE FEATURES

POPULAR Kannada television actor Kiran Raj who made a transistion to films, is currently gearing up for the release of his next film, *Ronny*. The makers recently announced that the film is all set to hit theatres on August 30. The film, directed by Gurutej Shetty , has generated considerable buzz for its unique storyline.

The makers also unveiled a new song from *Ronny* titled, 'Havamanave Sundara Sundara', on the occasion of Kiran Raj's birthday, which is now available on T-Series' YouTube channel. The song written by Pramod Maravante is composed by Manikanth Kadri.

Expressing his gratitude for the film, Kiran Raj shares, "At one point, I was uncertain about my next steps. Then, I met the producer and director of *Ronny*, and I was immediately drawn to the story. Despite being fictional, my character is relatable to everyone. This is a big-budget film, and our producers value the essence of the story more than the financial aspects."

Speaking at the song launch event, director Gurutej Shetty opened up about the film's appeal. He described *Ronny* as an action-filled film which would also be family-oriented and assured that audiences would see a different side of Kiran Raj. *Ronny*, produced by Chandrakant Poojary and Umesh Hegde, also stars Samiksha and Radhya. Raghavendra B Kolar is the cinematographer of the film, which will feature six choreographed action sequences by Vinod Master.



Kiran Raj

Prime Video announces Aldis starrer Cross

CE FEATURES

EARLIER, we reported that Black Adam actor Aldis Hodge is set to star in Amazon Studios' upcoming iteration of James Patterson's popular detective book series, Alex Cross. On Saturday, Prime Video announced that the adaptation, titled *Cross* will premiere on the platform on November 14.

Along with the announcement, the makers also unveiled a short teaser introducing Hodge as Alex *Cross*. Backed by Paramount Television Studios and Skydance Television, *Cross* will feature Hodge as a detective and forensic psychologist.

The description of the character reads, "He is brilliant, flawed, and full of contradictions. A doting father and family man, *Cross* is single-minded to the point of obsession when he hunts killers.